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Anglo-American Move To Clear Indian Pitch

"Principles Of Atlantic Charter Must Be Applied To India"

PRESS REACTION TO JAPANESE "TOKEN INVASION"

(From A Special Correspondent)

LONDON, March 24.

With the new Japanese offensive across the border of India in Manipur which has surprised people here who believed in the accounts of 'all is well' along the Indo-Burma frontier, Indian political question has come once again to the forefront.

Mr. Rhys Davies, leader of the 40 members of the British Parliament who have decided to press for a debate on the principles of Atlantic Charter, said in an interview: "I demand that the principles of the Atlantic Charter be applied now and at once to India."

To-day's "Daily Herald" editorially discussing the Atlantic Charter says that Mr. Churchill admits the necessity for expanding the Charter into a more detailed declaration of Allied policy.

"DEFINE ATLANTIC CHARTER"

The New York 'Times" also says that neither Mr. Cordell Hull nor Mr. Churchill answered uneasy Americans and British questioners demanding to know where the Government stand in translating the principles of the Charter into specific settlements. It warns that until the Charter is defined or superceded by a statement of the aims to which all the victors can subscribe, there will continue doubt and danger of division and demands for new consultations.

The British press prominently publish the news of Japanese invasion of India and the "Daily Telegraph" front page headlines are: "Japanese cross frontier into India—held 30 miles from Imphal."

Official quarters here say that the Japanese forces are tough raiding columns. Trends of American radio suggest that the Japanese drive is solely a diversionary move which at the most might yield political advantages.

JAPS PAY HEAVY TOLL

ASSAM-BURMA FRONT, March 24

In less than a week's sharp fighting in the Chin Hills and in the Kabaw valley to the north the Japanese have lost at least 600 to 700 in killed alone. Fourteenth Army losses have been "infinitely lighter," writes an observer with General Slim's 14th Army.

Thus the enemy is paying to the limit for his attempt to advance in these areas near the Assam-Burma border. Heaviest Jap casualties are probably in the Chin Hills where his dead alone are estimated at more than 500.

After one fierce engagement, spread over five days 135 enemy bodies were counted and the real total of killed is thought to have been much greater.

In another successful fight for a feature known as "the saddle" we drove the enemy in retreat forcing him to leave behind a quantity of equipment.—

British troops from the Tiddim area, 160 miles south of Imphal, have moved north to meet the threat to our right flank provided by a Japanese column which has cut the Tiddim Road, writes a 14th Army observer.

Hard fighting is going on north of Tonzang on the road 16 or 17 miles north of Tiddim. Tonzang itself is in flames. Air photographs show large columns of smoke rising from the village.

The Japanese have followed the practice of descending on the road at a number of points and setting up blocks there in an effort to isolate our forces, who however, are fighting back strongly, not only on and near the road itself but in areas bordering it.

The defensive box system, one of the keys to victory in the Arakan, is again being used to counter Japanese tactics and at the moment British and Indian troops are concentrating in a selected tactical area.

While our troops are not short of supplies, dropping from the air has been in operation during the past few days. This is, however, a normal procedure in the remote districts in the Chin Hills.—

CHINESE FORCES CONTINUE ADVANCE

NEW DELHI, March 24.

In the Hukawng Valley American trained Chinese forces after repulsing three counter-attacks continued their advance.

In the Chin Hills the Japanese occupied a vantage point west of our positions during the night of 21/22 March, but were driven off during the course of the following afternoon with heavy casualties.

Further to the north our troops are making progress and during the last 24 hours they have succeeded in driving the enemy out of three positions covering the Imphal-Tiddim Road. Still further north, our troops have closed in on one of the main Japanese positions. The enemy counter-attacked unsuccessfully and suffered considerable losses.

Further to the east small parties of Japanese are approaching the Palel-Tamu Road. One of these enemy detachments was dispersed on the morning of the 21st March. Another of them made a unsuccessful attack on an administrative unit on the road.

JAP COLUMN AMBUSHED

In the Kabaw Valley a column of Japanese supported by carriers was successfully ambushed at a road junction south-east of Tamu on the evening of the 22nd March.

On the 22nd March there was some northward enemy movement on the coastal plain south of Maungdaw. The following day our troops in this area, supported by tanks, made a successful attack on the Japanese.

The enemy made several raids on our positions west of Buthidaung during the night of 22/23 March. The following day our troops after a heavy preparatory artillery bombardment launched a further attack over hill features covered in thick bamboo against the enemy positions south of Buthidaung. The first objective has been captured and the attack is continuing successfully.

East of the Kalapanzin our troops have succeeded in forcing the enemy out of further positions. The enemy abandoned some equipment.

ENEMY ATTACK ON W. AFRICAN FIGHTING PATROL

In the Kaladan Valley a strong West African fighting patrol was attacked by the enemy on the west bank of the P.I. Chaung. In a sharp engagement a number of casualties were inflicted on the enemy before contact was broken.

Dive-bombers, fighter-bombers and fighters of the Tactical Air Force on the 22nd and 23rd March maintained their offensive against enemy positions, enemy-occupied villages, motor transport roads and hill tracks in the Chindwin Valley, Chin Hills and north-west Burma.

Fighters attacked objectives in the Arakan, Mayu and Kaladan destroying 13 rivercrafts.

Storage dumps in the Myitkyina and Mogaung areas were bombed on the 22nd March, while long-range fighters on the 22nd and 23rd March again attacked communications in south and Central Burma. Fighter-bombers started fires at Naba junction and escorted medium bombers for the second day in succession carried out attacks in support of ground troops in the Mayu area.

From all these operations two Allied aircraft are missing.—A. P.

FIRST TANK BATTLE

ASSAM-BURMA FRONT, March 24.

For the first time during operations in Kabaw, tank met tank in battle to-day.

Fourteenth army tanks, accompanied by infantry, went out to the assistance of some troops south of Tamu. They encountered a force of Jap tanks preparing to attack and scored a decisive victory over them, knocking out four for certain and probably a fifth.

One of our tanks was damaged but was recovered. Enemy medium tanks and tankettes have been active for some days in this area where Jap forces seeking to thrust northwards of Kabaw valley have been dealt a number of sharp blows.—A. P.

LATEST COMMERCIAL

COTTON (MAY)

New York, March 24.

Previous closing	20.98
To-day's opening	20.98
Difference	nil
To-day's closing	20.93
Difference	—.05

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

New York, March 24.

New York Stock Exchange opening prices:

General Motors dol 57 3/8
Anaconda Copper Mining dol 26 1/4
United States Steel Common dol 52 1/4
U. S. Steel Pref. unquoted.

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

CALCUTTA, March 24.

The market ruled slightly better to-day. A fair list of business was put through. Government securities ruled quiet.

Hitler-Horthy Agreement

General Mobilisation To Be Ordered In Hungary

LONDON March 24.

The German-controlled Paris radio said today that Admiral Horthy, Hungarian Regent and Hitler had agreed to order general mobilisation in Hungary.

Making the announcement the radio commentator said: "This measure has been decided upon so that Hungary should be able to give Germany the maximum support in her struggle against the danger of an invasion from the east.

Hungary was not quite ready for the historical task of forming a bulwark against the East. Thus in order to give her time to carry out mobilisation of her forces and to assist her in this task Germany has sent in her troops."—Reuter.

PACKED OFF TO RUSSIAN FRONT

ZURICH, March 24: According to a reliable report from source German troops the Rumanian frontier and are at present engaged in transporting Hungarian and Rumanian troops, who have been concentrated along mutual frontier to the russian front. Their greatest difficulty has been the keeping of Hungarians and Rumanians apart, the report adds. Considerable local fighting occurred but the Germans now have complete control.—Reuter.

HUNGARIAN LEGATION REVOLT

LONDON, March 23: The Swedish radio reported to-night that two secretaries of the Hungarian Legation in Stockholm Rolf de Nag and Kalman de Pandy, Press Attache Sigismond de Morvay and Air Attache Impre de Barsca, have come out in support of Minister Ulein de Revicozky, who has refused to acknowledge the new Hungarian Government.

It was earlier reported from Stockholm that the Military Attache and his Assistant and Secretary had dissociated themselves from this Legation revolt.—Reuter.

Miners' Wage Agreement Reached

LONDON, March 24: Government, Coal-owners and miners to-day (Friday) reached agreement for stabilisation of miners wages on a new basis until December 31st 1947.

Owners and Miners agreed to recommend the acceptance of Government's proposals in this connection. The agreement follows the discussions between the Minister of Fuel, Major Gwilym, Lloyd George and representatives of the Mine-owners' Association and the Mine Workers' Federation on Government's proposals for revision of wage structure of the mining industry.—Reuter.

"TRIBUNE" WINS INCOME-TAX CASE

Lahore High Court Division Bench Judgment

LAHORE, March 24.

The "Tribune" Trust Income-Tax Case involving about Rs. one lakh has been decided in favour of the "Tribune' by a Division Bench of the Lahore High Court consisting of Mr. Justice Din Mohammed and Mr. Justice Sale.

Their lordships held that the assessments made, in the case of the "Tribune" Trust subsequent to the year 1932/33 amounting to about Rs. 100.000 were a nullity in view of the decision of their lordships of the Privy Council that the Tribune Trust was a charitable institution.

Their lordships also held that the Commissioner of Income-tax acted improperly in refusing to exercise the discretion vested in him to cancel the said assessments and order the repayment of the sums received from the assessee on that account.

Their Lordships further held that the assessee could not be denied the relief claimed by him under Section 33 of the Income-Tax Act on any valid grounds.

Their lordships ordered the Income-Tax Department to pay Rs. 2,500 towards the costs of the "Tribune" trust.

Mr. K. M. Munshi represented the "Tribune" and Rai Bahadur Raj Kishen appeared for the Income-Tax Department.—A. P.

S. V. GHATE TO STAY IN JAIL

Madras High Court Turns Down "Habeas Corpus" Plea

MADRAS, March 24.

An application for the issue of a writ of "Habeas Corpus' filed on behalf of Mr. S. V. Ghate, a Communist Leader of Bombay now a detenu in Rajahmundry Jail, was dismissed by Their Lordships the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice McCjett in the Madras High Court to-day.

Their lordships held that the Court had no power to entertain such an application according to Detention Ordinance III of 1944.

It was contended on behalf of Mr. Ghate that he was a prominent member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party pledged to all-out war effort. In March 1939, he was served with an order directing him to leave Madras city and reside in Mangalore Municipal limits. He complied with that order but in March, 1944, he was arrested and detained since then for reasons unknown to him. He had prayed several times in vain to the Government either to prosecute him or release him and he now contended that his detention was illegal.—A. P.

Bengal Security Prisoners' Sympathetic Fast

CALCUTTA, March 24.

Mr. Satin Sen and two other security prisoners in the Presidency Jail undertook a "limited" fasting in February, 1943, in sympathy with Mr. Gandhi's fast that was going on at the time, according to a statement made by the Chief Minister, Sir Nazimuddin in the Bengal Legislative Assembly to-day.

Sir Nazimuddin admitted that he had received several representations from Mr. Sen and other leaders of the security prisoners in that jail about their alleged grievances, and that he had taken action on those representations.—A. P.

PESHAWAR, March 24: Sirdar Aurangazeb Khan in a statement to the 'Associated Press' says that the session of the All-India Muslim League has been invited to Peshawar.—A. P.

STOP PRESS

COMMONS SECRET SESSION

WESTMINSTER March 24: The Commons today went into secret session to discuss the tank position.—Reuter.

ORDER ON "NAGPUR TIMES"

NAGPUR, March 24.

Mr. R. P. Dube, Printer and Publisher of the "Nagpur Times" and Keeper of the Hindustan Printing Works Ltd., where the "Nagpur Times" is printed has been directed by the Provincial Government to file a fresh declaration as printer publisher and keeper within ten days.

A meeting of the Provincial Branch of the A.I.N.E.C. has passed a resolution strongly protesting against the action taken by the Provincial Government against the 'Nagpur Times' without consulting the Press Advisory Committee. The resolution charged Government with a breach of the Bombay Agreement.—A. P.

FORCING BRITAIN TO HAND OVER INDIA TO CONGRESS

NEW YORK, March 24: Commenting on the need for continuing Anglo-American co-operation, the "Saturday Evening Post" says: "Manifestly not all matters which divide British and American citizens can be settled immediately. Americans who think we should push Britain into handing India over to the All-India Congress are not likely to be satisfied with events for a long time any more than are English critics of the "Jim Crow" policy in deep south. But there are other disputes—now producing friction—which could be ironed out. For example, toll rates on cables and radio messages originating in British possessions, some of them scenes of sacrifices by American troops, are surely the needless source of an Anglo-American dispute. If the British are as slick as advertised they will end that grievance promptly."—Reuter.

Watson Pats Britain

She Had "Raised India From Chaos And Anarchy"!

DARLINGTON, March 24.

In an address here on India and its problem Sir Alfred Watson former editor of the "Statesman" Calcutta, said that the British people were perhaps more apt today than ever before to think that they had not done enough for the peoples who had come under the British flag and that they had in some way neglected their interests. That was certainly not the case so far as India was concerned. Naturally there were things in their past record they had to regret. No people ever governed another without making mistakes, but side by side with the small mistakes they had to set the fact that they had raised India from chaos and anarchy in which they found it into one of the great commercial and industrial nations of the world.—Reuter.

STORY OF KASTURBA MEETING AT POONA

(From Our Correspondent)

POONA CITY, March 24.

Glowing tributes were paid to the memory of Kasturba Gandhi by many speakers at a public condolence meeting held this evening under the presidentship of Mr. N. C. Kelkar.

Mr S. L. Karandikar, M.L.A., President Maharashtra Hindu Sabha stated that after the District Magistrate's refusal to Mr. N. C. Kelkar to hold a condolence meeting immediately after Kasturba's death, he wrote to the Home Department, Bombay Government asking permission for a similar meeting and was referred back to the District Magistrate. He then applied to the D. M. who at long last permitted this meeting under the condition that nothing impending war effort and encouraging subversive activities be said in it. After criticising the "absurd conditions imposed on a condolence meeting." Mr. N. C. Kelkar eulogised Kasturba as an ideal Hindu wife. A resolution conveying sympathy with Gandhiji and urging Government his release in view of this personal calamity passed.

"QUIT" ORDER ON RELEASED CONGRESSMAN

NEW DELHI, March 24: Five Congress workers of Delhi including Mr. Ram Charan, Sardar Raghbir Singh and Mrs. Urmila Johry detained in the Delhi District Jail since January 25, 1944 were released to-day under the orders of the Delhi Government.

Immediately after his release, Sardar Raghbir Singh was served with an exterment order directing him to leave Delhi within 12 hours. Mr. Ramcharan was directed to confine his movement within his ward.—A. P.

ABSCONDER SURRENDERS

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD March 24.

Mr. Joshi of Surat, who was absconding since August 1942 and who was wanted by the Surat police surrendered himself here before Poona C.I.D.

FIERCE AIR BATTLES AT DNIESTER CROSSING

Steady Russian Progress In Advance Into Bessarabia

MOSCOW, March 24.

Reuters' special correspondent cables:

Whole German divisions are retreating in disorder with Marshal Zhukov's men in hot pursuit across the railway line running south from Proskurov towards the Upper Dniester.

The Russians are advancing on a forty-mile front from the river Seret on the right flank to the east of the river Smotrich on the left flank as the offensive below Tarnopol and Proskurov rolls forward by night and day.

The Smotrich flows through the great German base of Kamenets-Podolski near the Dniester which is rapidly being approached by another Russian force from the east.

Fierce air battles and intense ground activity continue at the Dniester crossing but the bridgehead has been widened and steady Russian progress in the advance into Bessarabia is reported in the latest frontline despatches. With the capture of Vertinzhany, 10 miles due south of the railhead of Slobodka still in German hands, the Red Army is only seven miles north of the railway line to Balti. If this line is cut, the tactical task of the Russian forces already advancing on Slobodka will be anticipated.—Reuter.

HEAVY FIGHTING IN CASSINO

Mediterranean Allied Force Advance Hqs March 24.

To-day's Allied 'communique' states: "LAND: Very heavy fighting continued in Cassino. Elsewhere patrol clashes with the enemy on all fronts. Prisoners were taken and casualties inflicted on the enemy.

AIR: Medium bombers of Tactical Air Force yesterday attacked Campo Di Marte railway yards at Florence and a bridge at Pontassieve with good results.—Reuter.

German Offensive In Eastern Bosnia

LONDON, March 24: Yugoslav Partisans are fighting against Germans within ten miles of the Austrian border in Slovenia according to Marshal Tito's 'communique' to-day quoted by the Yugoslav radio. Fighting was also reported from other sectors in Slovenia.

The German offensive in Eastern Bosnia continues with unabated violence. During the last few days the Germans lost 500 killed and many wounded.—Reuter.

Polish Troops Fight In Italy

CAIRO, March 24: The following official statement was issued here last night:—"In connection with the recent reports that all members of the Polish forces in the Middle East under the command of Gen. Wladyslaw Anders, who wish to take an active part in the fighting against the Germans are being relentlessly persecuted, that thousands of them have disappeared, that over 700 have been condemned to long terms of imprisonment and that further hundreds of Polish workers have been handed over to Palestine prisons on Gen. Anders' orders, it is learned in authoritative British quarters in Cairo that there is no confirmation for these reports". The statement continues: "With the exception of a few deserters and criminals, whose numbers do not exceed what is normally to be expected, all members of the Polish forces wish to continue the struggle. Two divisions of them who were recently in the Middle East are now in Italy."

It is recalled that Gen. Anders is the Commander-in-Chief of the Polish Forces, which arrived in Egypt from Russia and that a Moscow radio broadcast last month stated that in his army every expression of sympathy with the Soviet Union was deemed a crime. Earlier this month it was reported that a second Polish Corps under Gen. Anders' command was fighting with the Eighth Army in Italy.—Reuter.

R. A. F. OVER W. GERMANY

Non-Stop Offensive Against Nazi Targets

LONDON, March 24.

Last night, aircraft of the bomber-command attacked railway targets at Laon and objectives in the Lyons area, the Air Ministry announces.

'Mosquitoes' attacked Dortimund and other targets in Western Germany. Two aircraft are missing.

Reuter's Air Correspondent cables: British heavy bombers last night attacked the important French railway communications centre at Laon in Aisne department.

An Air Ministry communique this morning states: "Last night aircraft of the Bomber-command attacked railway targets at Laon and objectives in Lyons area. Mosquitoes attacked Dortmund and other targets in Western Germany and mines were laid in enemy waters. Two of our aircraft are missing."

Laon possesses a large area of marshalling yards and Lyons which was the target for a diversionary attack is another important railway centre in south-eastern France. Last night's attack continued the almost non-stop offensive against Nazi targets in which it is estimated that 5,000 Allied warplanes took part in 36 hours.—Reuter.

JAP OFFENSIVE ON IMPHAL FROM TWO DIRECTIONS

(From Mr. D. F. KARAKA)
"Chronicle" Special War Correspondent

Headquarters 14th Army, March 24.

The news has somewhat settled down during the last 24 hours. There is no news from Somra Hill tracts to indicate any change in the situation there. The activity is rather at the two points Tiddim and Tamu. A little south of Tamu, a Jap column walked straight into an ambush laid by Allied Forces. They got badly shot up as a result and lost in proportion to their stupidity.

Peeved by this, the Japs launched an attack an hour later which met with the same fate. In the Tiddim area, the Japs have infiltrated behind our men their object being to cut the Tiddim-Imphal road. It would appear to a layman, unfamiliar with conditions of war in these parts, that our troops were cut off. In a way, this is so but as the fighting in Burma is not in lines in the old sense of the word but in blobs and blotches it is not unusual for one force to go behind the other.

The important thing, however, is that as different from last year our men have now been trained to stay put and fight, what can be called "a box operation." This happened with great success recently in the case of the Seventh Indian Division in Arakan though that was on a much larger scale.

Air superiority which has now been established ensures that these "boxes" can be supplied by air without hindrance from the enemy. Moreover, by getting behind our men, the enemy have run the risk of being sandwiched as has happened just above Tiddim. So that it cuts both ways and unless such an operation actually succeeds it has no more value than that of a mere nuisance. What must be grasped is that at present.

The enemy is concentrating its energy on Imphal from two directions. This is regarded as a normal offensive, though a major one, presumably because of the strength in which it is being launched.

There is nothing disturbing about a major offensive when it is being met by "a major defence" but it is an offensive which has to be checked and repulsed otherwise it would give the enemy the chance of being a nuisance not only to our position there but also to our main lines of communication.

In view of the coming monsoon, our men have got to ensure that where they choose to sit they will sit without being constantly disturbed. It may take a little time for the situation to develop and be cleared up. Some sharp conflict and contact are expected but at the Headquarters of the 14th Army, there appears to be complete confidence in its eventual result.

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Uday Shankar To Quit Almora

CULTURE CENTRE TO BE TRANSFERRED SOMEWHERE NEAR BOMBAY

(From A Correspondent)

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Uday Shankar India Culture Centre held on February 20th, Mr. Uday Shankar and the Trustees resolved that all the activities of the Centre at Almora be suspended for one year and that during this period the entire activities of the Centre be reorganised. The Trustees also consider the plan to transfer the Centre to a more suitable place somewhere in the neighbourhood of Bombay.

The first and foremost reason for this decision is the location of the Centre at Almora which has proved to be a serious handicap in its development and popularisation. The distance of the Centre being far removed from large and important cities of India, and the difficulties of transportation in reaching Almora, with its lack of important and necessary amenities to life, have played a significant role in the decision of some parents who might otherwise have sent their sons and daughters for training at the school. Although a good number of students always applied for enrollment, but being furnished with details of boarding and accommodation, many of them were hesitant in coming to Almora. And during summer, when there usually was a rush for the short summer course, it was impossible to provide them with rooms to live and studios to work in. The type of students who enrolled at the Centre for training at the school was not the one which the Centre looked forward to or desired. Except for a few, the standard of education and the background of experience was lacking. The numerical strength of the students who actually enrolled each year was not such that the Director could possibly pick and choose from. The work naturally suffered, and the experience of the last four years has shown that it is impossible to expand the activities of the Centre as outlined in the prospectus. That is the reason why nothing except the dance department could be opened in these four years.

The distance, cold climate, food problems and water scarcity, inspite of the kind co-operation of the Municipality and the citizens of Almora, made it impossible to get more good teachers from distant parts of India or to replace those that the Centre had lost. So many people interested in art and culture expressed their desire to visit the Centre, to see its activities for themselves, but the distance has made it difficult for them to do so. Being near a big town like Bombay, this opportunity will easily be available.

During this experimental period of the Centre's activities at Almora, the Director and Trustees were not unaware of the unsurmountable difficulties standing in the way of progress and a fuller development, and it has been engrossing their attention for some time past. Hence the decision of the Trustees is neither sudden nor surprising. The suspension, reorganisation and the plan to remove the Centre to a new location in the neighbourhood of Bombay is calculated to remedy the shortcoming met with. It has also been resolved to utilise this period of one year, while the Centre is being reorganised and moved to a new home, by producing the full length educational film, "Kalpana", on which work had already been started last year at the Centre. The purpose of the film will be to help the Centre and also to utilise and provide work, and consequently training, to those who are still attached to the Centre.

Mr. George A. Birse, who was originally sent by the Trustees from America as the Administrator of the Centre and who a year back, had left the institution with the view of returning to the United States, has again been appointed as Administrator of the Centre and is working on the reorganisation of the Centre activities.

The place where the Centre will restart to function after reorganisation and the date of the recommencement of its activities will be announced later.

BOMBAY TRAVELLING TYPES
No. 13
FARES PLEASE
The 'Fare dodger'
This mean little fellow will go to any length to cheat the bus or tram conductor out of the fare. Characteristics: Studiously looking away when approached by the conductor, shaking his head to show he has the ticket in his pocket. When cornered, he will reach for money with the air of one who is bothered by beggars. Besides delaying the conductor, he will prevent those who wish to pay from paying. His nuisance value is cumulative and considerable, both to the company and the public.
He is not a good citizen

PUNJAB PREMIER'S FAITH IN PAKISTAN

LAHORE, March 24

Malik Khizr Hyat Khan, Premier of the Punjab addressing a public meeting organized under the auspices of the city Muslim League last night in connection with the observance of the Pakistan Day declared his faith in the League ideal of Pakistan which, he said, was their just demand and was not against the interests of anybody.

The Premier pointed out that the present war was being fought for the freedom and right of self-determination of all nations and added that the Lahore resolution of the Muslim League stood for the freedom of Muslmans.

JINNAH TRANSFORMS MALIK KHAN

It transpires that Malik Khizr Hyat Khan's declaration followed a three hours' conference between Mr. Jinnah and the Punjab Premier at the residence of Nawab of Mamdot when the position of the Muslim League party in the Punjab Assembly was further clarified and Malik Khizr Hyat Khan affirmed his faith in the League ideal of Pakistan.

This is the first time that Malik Khizr Hyat Khan has spoken from the Muslim League platform in the province. His declaration was received with loud and prolonged applause by the audience.

Mr. M. A. Jinnah will be presented with an address of welcome and a purse by the North-Western Railway Muslim Employees' Association on Sunday, March 26 at 6 p.m. in the Habibia Hall of the Islamia College, Lahore.—A. P.

PAKISTAN DAY IN POONA

(From A Correspondent)

POONA, March 22.

"Lord Wavell's recent speech should be an eye-opener to all—the Congress and the Muslim League alike—We must now think in terms of Indians first, and Muslims or Hindus next. I am a great believer in the cause of Hindu-Muslim unity. When I first started my political career, I made that quite clear in my first public speech at Indapur 12 years ago, and I re-affirm that the need for Hindu-Muslim Unity is greater to-day than ever before. I hope and pray that leaders of both the communities will devote their time and energy towards that end instead of fighting in the wilderness. We have gained nothing so far, nor are we going to gain anything in future, the way we are going on at present, declared Mr. Ahmed E. H. Jaffer presiding at a Mammoth meeting of Muslims of Poona District assembled at Jinnah Chowk to-night to celebrate the Pakistan Day.

He added: "I am not a communalist, and if it can be proved that the League is a communalist body as it is criticised, I shall be the first to resign and walk-out. As a matter of fact, Mr. Jinnah and the Muslim League have always stood by and championed the cause of all the minorities; the day of deliverance meetings and other subsequent events will support my statement."

Khan Saheb A. A. Khan M.L.C. welcomed the gathering, delivering a stirring speech asking Muslims to be united and stand firm under the ban of the Muslim League.

Earlier in the day Muslim National Guards marched through the City streets in a procession organised by their Salar Mr. Ahmed Jaffer.

Need Of Unity

POONA, March 24.

Presiding over a meeting of Muslims of Poona district held at Jinnah Chowk yesterday to celebrate the Pakistan Day, Mr. Ahmed E. H. Jaffer, called for Hindu-Muslim unity, the need for which he said was greater to-day than ever before.

Lord Wavell's recent speech, he said, should be an eye-opener to all—the Congress and the Muslim League alike—that we must think in terms of Indians first and Muslims or Hindus next.

Mr. Ahmed E. H. Jaffer denied that the Muslim League was a communalist body and said that it had always championed the cause of the minorities.

Khan Saheb A. A. Khan, M. L. C. welcomed the gathering and asked the Muslims to be united and stand firm under the banner of Muslim League.

Earlier in the day Muslim national guards marched through the city streets in a procession.—A. P.

LAHORE LEAGUE AND PAKISTAN

(From Our Correspondent)

CALICUT, March 23.

The Pakistan resolution that was adopted by the Lahore session of the Muslim League on March 24, 1940, was passed and accepted under the presidentship of Janab Suleman Sodagar Darvesh, Municipal Corporator Calicut.

MOSCOW MISSION AT METRO

By T. V. P.

"How did you like the picture?"

"I have seen no better picture in my whole film experience."

With that spontaneous outburst of a sentence I shook hands with Mr. B. N. Nadkarni, Managing Director of the Warner Brothers in India while getting into the lift after a private showing of "Mission to Moscow" yesterday. Even after recalling "Confessions of a Nazi Spy" and "the Great Dictator" I see no reason to change the opinion I expressed more out of feeling than out of deliberation.

It is a superb production indeed running nearly into 11,500 feet based on the famous book of Ambassodor Davis. Many novels have had there film versions so far. Several of them very good ones, but none yet on a book of political character like this. Still there was not one dull moment as it was being rolled out on the United Artists Screen at Marshall Buildings and you did not even so much wink as the history of Europe and Russia of the last few years was being unfolded. It is a superb educational effort, worth everybody's appreciation.

Within my memory no picture got so close a grip on me as did "Mission to Moscow" and I have seen hundreds by now of Indian and foreign pictures, including a few French and Russian also. It is to be released at Metro on May 5.

ON THE INDIAN SCREEN

Fazli Brothers' "Fashion" starring Chandramohan and Sardar Akhtar was released yesterday at Roxy. "Zamin" starring Durga Khote depicts in a realistic way the trials and tribulations of the peasantry. It is running to packed houses at Minerva. Rajakamal's 'Mali' starring Master Krishna, well-known musician and stage artiste will be released at Novelty next Friday.

"BHAKTARAJ" JUBILEE

"Bhaktaraj", Jayant Desai's first independent production, under his own banner, is now celebrating its Silver Jubilee at Delhi. In Bombay at the Lamington Talkies, the film has entered the 14th week, and is still quite popular. At Poona, Sholapur, Karachi, Calcutta and other big centres, the film is on its march for a creditable long run. It has run in Lucknow Cawnpore, Hyderabad and other stations for longer periods, than many other successful pictures, and has established a new box office standard.

Jayant Desai.

CANBERRA, March 24: Australia's Pay-as-you-go Bill passed its final stages in the House of Representatives to-day.

MRS. NAIDU ACCEPTS M. P.'s INVITATION?

Wants Travel Arrangements Made By British Politicians

NEW DELHI March 24.

According to the "National Call", Mrs. Sarojini Naidu has accepted the pressing invitation of several members of British Parliament and British Politicians to pay a visit to London subject to the condition of her health and that the arrangements for travel are made by those, who have extended the invitation.

There is no likelihood, according to paper of the British or Indian Governmen giving the necessary facilities for her travel.

The report published about her departure for England by the end of this month seems to be based on the fact that the invitation has been extended and accepted subject to these conditions.—United Press.

Fountain Pens, Blades And Cigarettes

NEW DELHI March 24.

Dealers, wholesale and retail of fountain pens, 'Vita' brand razor blades and cigarettes are directed according to a notification published in the 'Gazette of India' dated March 25, 1944 under the Hoarding and Profiteering Prevention Ordinance, to exhibit prominently in their shops a price list of their articles showing clearly their selling prices as already fixed by the Central Government says a Press Note. Wholesale and retail selling prices are to be exhibited in the first case and retail ones in the two others. Price lists should be shown to purchasers if demanded.

Direct importers of 'Vita' brand razor blades and producers of cigarettes should allow discount in accordance with the usual trade practice which prevailed immediately before the war to retail dealers who depend on them for their stocks.

ARTIFICIAL SILK AND YARN

Dealers, including importers of artificial silk yarn and staple silk yarn (whether Japanese or English) are directed to declare their stocks as on March 26 1944 to the Controller General of Civil Supplies, Government of India, Bombay by April 8, 1944.

PRAKASH TO PRODUCE 'VIKRAM'

In response to the request from the Vikram Celebrations Committee, Prakash Pictures have decided to produce "Samrat Vikramaditya" in their studios either along with or after completing Buddha's life.

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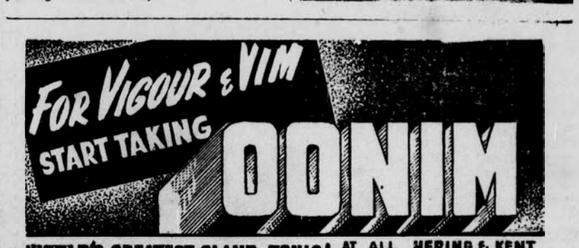

"Consent of the CENTRAL GOVERNMENT has been obtained to the issue under Defence of India Rule 94A. It must be distinctly understood that in giving this consent the Government of India do not take any responsibility for the financial soundness of any schemes or for the correctness of any of the statements made or opinions expressed with regard to them.'

THE LIST WILL BE OPENED ON 27TH MARCH, 1944 AND BE CLOSED ON 29TH MARCH, 1944 OR EARLIER AT THE DISCRETION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

(A copy of this Prospectus has been filed with the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies, BENGAL).

PROSPECTUS OF

HINDUSTHAN MERCANTILE BANK LTD.

Incorporated under the Indian Companies Act VII of 1913

AUTHORISED CAPITAL Rs. 2,00,00,000

Divided into 2,00,000 Ordinary shares of Rs. 100|- each.

Of the above shares the Directors have decided to issue at par 1,00,000 shares of Rs. 100|- each. Of these, the Directors and their friends have agreed to take up 75,000 shares of the face value of Rs 75,00,000|- (Rupees seventy-five Lacs) Applications are invited for the balance. Such applications should be made in minimum unit of 5 shares or any multiple thereof. An application for an odd number will be treated as an application for a number equal to the multiple of five not exceeding the Shares applied for.

It is intended to call Rs. 50|- per share only for the present. Rs. 25|- per share on application and Rs. 25|- on allotment; the balance of Rs. 50|- on calls to be made by the Directors if and when necessary; such calls when made will be uniform and at uniform intervals. It is, however, not intended to make any further calls for the present.

DIRECTORS:

1. Mr. MUNGTURAM JAIPURIA, M.L.C., Chairman of the Board, Merchant, Banker & Millowner, partner of Messrs. Anandram Gajadhar, Jaipuria House, Calcutta.
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SOLICITORS:

1. Messrs. P. D. HIMATSINGKA & CO., 6. Old Post Office St., Calcutta.
2. Messrs. KHAITAN & CO., 1B, Old Post Office Street, Calcutta.

BANKERS:

1. Imperial Bank of India.
2. The Central Bank of India Ltd.
3. Bank of India Ltd.
4. United Commercial Bank Ltd.
5. Bharat Bank Ltd.

AUDITORS:

1. Messrs. K. N. GUTGUTIA & CO., Incorporated Accountants, 1-B, Old Post Office Street, Calcutta.
2. P. K. GHOSH, Esq., B.Sc., F.S.A.A. (Lond.), R.A., 17, Mangoe Lane, Calcutta.

REGISTERED OFFICE:

15, Clive Street, Calcutta.

The Company has been formed for transacting banking business of all kinds and generally for the several objects set out in the Memorandum of Association which forms part hereof.

DIRECTORS' QUALIFICATION:

Holding of at least 500 shares of the face value of Rs. 50,000|- has been fixed by the Articles of Association as the qualification of a Director.

DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION:

The Articles provide that each Director shall receive by way of remuneration a sum not exceeding Rs. 100|- per Meeting attended by him. The Directors shall also be paid any travelling and other expenses for attending Meetings of the Board. The Directors may also be remunerated for any extra service performed by them outside their ordinary duties as Directors but no such remuneration will be paid in shape of shares in, or commission on the profits of the Company. The Directors, however, shall not charge any remuneration for attending Central Board Meetings until a dividend is declared.

INTEREST OF DIRECTORS:

No Director of the Company has any interest in the promotion of the Company except as a Director or Shareholder.

There are no restrictions on the Directors of the Company in respect of their powers of management, except such as are provided for in the Indian Companies Act.

VOTING RIGHTS:

On a show of hands every Member present in person holding at least five shares shall have one vote and upon a poll every Member present in person or by a proxy shall have one vote for every five shares held by him.

No Member shall be entitled to be present or to vote on any question either personally or by proxy or as proxy for another Member at any General Meeting or upon a poll or be reckoned at a quorum whilst any call or other sum shall be due and payable to the Company in respect of such a member.

RESTRICTION ON TRANSFER OF SHARES:

The Directors may decline to register any transfer of shares on which the Company has a lien and in case of shares not fully paid may refuse to register a transfer to a transferee of whom they do not approve. Directors may also refuse to register transfer of any shares to any person whom it shall, in their opinion, be not desirable in the interest of the Company to admit to Membership.

MINIMUM SUBSCRIPTION:

The minimum subscription on which the Directors may proceed to allotment is fixed at Rs. 50,00,000|-, i.e., 50,000 shares of Rs. 100|- each.

PRELIMINARY EXPENSES:

The preliminary expenses including registration fee, printing and other incidental expenses (but excluding brokerage) are estimated not to exceed Rs. 25,000|-.

BROKERAGE OR COMMISSION:

The Directors have decided to pay brokerage of Re. 1|- per share for all shares allotted, applications wherefor shall be received through Brokers or Banks or Investment Companies.

INSPECTION OF MEMORANDUM AND ARTICLES:

A copy of the Memorandum of Association of the Company, which forms part of this Prospectus and the Articles of Association can be inspected at the Registered Office of the Company in Calcutta during Office hours.

The Registered Office of the Bank will be in Calcutta which will be the Head Office. The Directors intend to open a Branch immediately at Bombay and in other important Cities as and when considered necessary by the Directors.

Application will be made to the Calcutta Stock Exchange and the Bombay Stock Exchange (The Native Share and Stock Brokers Association) for official quotation.

APPLICATION FOR SHARES:

Application for shares may be made upon the form accompanying the Prospectus or a similar form and application money may be paid at the following places. Cash or Cheques and Drafts on any place in India will be accepted without any banking charges.

(a) Registered Office in Calcutta.
(b) Imperial Bank of India at any of its principal branches and offices.
(c) Central Bank of India Ltd. at any of its principal branches.
(d) Bank of India Ltd. at any of its principal branches.
(e) United Commercial Bank Ltd. at any of its principal branches.
(f) Bharat Bank Ltd. at any of its principal branches.

Where no Allotment is made the deposit will be returned in full and when the number of shares allotted is less than the number applied for the balance of the deposit will be utilised against allotment amount and the surplus, if any, will be refunded.

Dated the 24th day of Feb. 1944.

(Sd.) Mungturam Jaipuria.
" Gobindram Gordhandas Seksaria.
" Kedar Nath Khetan.
" Manmohandas Madhavdas Amersey.
" L. N. Birla.
" Mohanlal Jalan.
" Bhanwar Lall Rampuria.
" Abdul Wahid Adamjee.
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" R. L. Nopany.

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR SHARES

Serial No..... Banker's No.....

To

The Directors,
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Gentlemen,

Having paid to your Bankers the sum of Rs.....

Enclosing herewith a Cheque/Hundi/Notes of being a deposit of Rs. 25/- per share payable on application for ..... Ordinary Shares of Rs. 100/- each, of the above named Company, I/we request you to allot to me/us ..... shares upon the terms of the Bank's Memorandum and Articles of Association and Prospectus, and I/we hereby agree to accept the same or any less number that you may allot to me/us and to pay the remainder of the amounts on receiving notice of allotment as and when due, and I/we authorise you to register me/us as the holder/holders of the said shares.

Name in full (Mr., Mrs., or Miss)
(IN BLOCK LETTERS)
Address in full
Description in full
Date Signature

No..... Dated 194

RECEIPT FOR AMOUNT PAID ON APPLICATION FOR SHARES

RECEIVED this.....day of..... 194 ..... from ..... the sum of Rupees ..... being the application money on ....shares at Rs. 25/- per share of the Bank.

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Rs.....

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CITY AND SUBURBS

TO-DAY

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Muslim: Rabi-ul-Avval 29, 1363
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To-day's Engagements

TEACHERS' TRAINING ACADEMY: Mr. J. H. Trivedi on 'The Progressive School' 3 p.m. in G.T. High School.

SHRI RAMA NAVAMI FESTIVAL: At Shree Sadnand Ashram, Taimakiwadi, Tardeo Road from today to 3-4-44.

SIR NARAYAN CHANDAVARKAR MARATHI SCHOOL: gathering of the pupils in Anand Bhuvan Hall, Vithalbhai Patel Road, Girgaum at 5 p.m.

SHARADA SANGIT MANDAL: Vocal music by Master Manhar Barve, Anglo-Bengali High School Hall Mor-Baug Road, Nalgaum Dadar at 10 p.m.

RAMAKRISHNA - VIVEKANANDA CENTRE: Swami Samvidhananda's weekly class on Patanjali Yoga Sutras at 7 p.m. at the Centre premises, Dadar, B B and C I Rly.

BOMBAY ANDHRA MAHASABHA: Telugu New Year's Day Panchanga Sravanam, music and refreshments in the Mahasabha premises Kuver Kunj, Parsi Colony, Dadar, at 5-30 p.m.

BOMBAY SUBURBAN SCOUTS RALLY: Fifth annual rally at St. Andrew's High School grounds Bandra 6 p.m. His Grace the Archbishop of Bombay, presides.

YOUNG MEN'S HINDU ASSOCIATION VYAYAMASHALA: Anniversary at 6-30 p.m. (N S T) at Vithalbhai Patel Road, Girgaum. Dr. B C Dasgupta, Executive Health Officer, will preside.

LALITA-KALA-UDYAN: Instrumental music on Sitar by Prof. Vilayatkhan of Delhi and dance recital by Sudha and Lalita Amonkar tomorrow (Sunday) at 9 a.m. at Karandikar Hall, Brahman Sabha.

MUSICAL ART SOCIETY: Vocal music by Haribau Ghangrekar disciple of the late Ramkrishnabuva Vaze, and dance recital by Jaikumari of Jaipur at Wagle Hall, Kandewadi at 10 p.m.

PUBLIC MEETING: Public meeting to celebrate Arya Samaj Foundation Day at Arya Samaj Kakadwadi today and tomorrow (Sunday) at 7-30 p.m. when Dewan Bahadur K. M. Zaveri will preside.

ASTHIKA SAMAJ: 4-30 p.m. Ramayana Upanyasam in Tamil; 5-15 p.m. music by Krishnamurthy and party; 6-30 p.m. Rajalakshmi Charl, Veena and Chellam Venkatesan, Violin; 9 p.m. Nadaswaram Katchery by Ambalapuzhai brothers.

INDIAN MUSIC CIRCLE: In view of the fixing of a music concert by Kesarbai Kerkar on the 1st April, the Indian Music Circle (Bombay North) will not be having any programme today as previously announced.

CONDOLENCE MEETING: Condolence meeting of the Bombay Kapad Market Servants' Association was held on 22nd inst to mourn the loss of Sjt. Karsandas Dharamasi, who was the president of Joint Holiday Board and partner of M. J. Market.

RECITATION OF IQBAL'S POETRY: In connection with Iqbal Day Celebration, Messrs R A Khan, G A Moulvi, Ahmed Azizi and Miss Zamina Jaffri will recite Iqbal's poems in the Youth Lodge, Blavatsky Lodge, at 6-30 p.m. Prof. S H Naqvi of Ismail Yusuf College will preside.

CHITRAPUR SWAMIJI'S PRAVACHAN: Shri Anandashram Swamiji of Chitrapur Math, will deliver a Pravachan in Konkani tomorrow (Sunday) at 4 p.m. (S T) in the Hall of the Mahavir Jain Boarding, Shraddhanand Road, Opposite Shraddhanand Ashram, Matunga.

PUBLIC KEERTANS: Under the auspices of Akil Bharatiya Keertan Sanstha, Dadar (B B and C I R) Sjt. G G Bhosekar, Keertan Bhushan will perform Harikeertan at Madhavbaug daily at 8-30 p.m. (N S T) from tomorrow (Sunday).

FRIENDS OF SOVIET UNION: Meeting 9 p.m. at Orient High School, Lady Jamshedji Road, Shivaji Park, Dr. K. M. Ashraf, A.I.C.C. member from U.P. speaking on "Frontier Pathans and the Soviet Example." Tomorrow (Sunday) at 9 p.m. Khalsa College Mr. Mohan Kumarmangalam on "Soviet Foreign Policy."

VIKRAM BI-MILLENNIUM CENTENARY CELEBRATION: Vikram Conference at 4 p.m. (N S T) at Madhav Baug, (C P Tank) Pt. Ramnareshji Tripathi, the well-known Hindi Poet, will preside over the Hindi Poets' Conference to be held tomorrow (Sunday) at 3 p.m. (N S T) and on 27th instant at 9 p.m. (N S T).

LEAD-PIPES THIEF ARRESTED

Mahadev Vishram Achrekar was arrested on Thursday while removing some lead-pipes from the lavatories of the Police Lines. He was placed on Friday before Mr. Nasrullah, Presidency Magistrate, Mazagaon, who ordered him to be remanded in custody till April 7.

B. P. WOMEN'S COUNCIL: The Hon. Secretary writes:—"We are informed by the Sheriff of Bombay that the time limit for sending in applications for enrolling as jurors has been extended to April 3, 1944. On behalf of the Council, we appeal to the women of Bombay, and especially to our members to take this opportunity and to send in their applications without delay to the Sheriff's office.

FAREWELL ADDRESS TO MRS. BUTTERFIELD: Under the auspices of Elphinstone Road Chawls and Workmen Gymnasium, a farewell address will be given to Mrs. M. W. F. Butterfield, President, Local Welfare Centre (Bombay) tomorrow (Sunday) at 6 p.m. at Elphinstone Road Chawls ground, Opposite the Railway Station. Mrs. H. Nichols, wife of Dr. H. Nichols, General Manager B B and C I Rly. will preside.

PUNJAB PREMIER'S FATHER DIES

LAHORE, March 24: Major-Gen. Nawab Sir Umar Hyat Khan Tiwana (aged 70 died at his estate in Shahpur District to-day. His only son, Malik Khizr Hyat Khan Tiwana, Premier of the Punjab, who received the sad news on telephone at the Assembly Chamber immediately left by car for his estate. The deceased was the biggest landlord in the Punjab.—A. P.

W. I. CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

BOMBAY, Friday.

The annual general meeting of the Society for the Protection of Children in Western India, was held in the Corporation Hall to-day. Sir Jehangir Boman Behram presided.

After the report of the Society for the years 1942 and 1943 were adopted, the new Executive Committee was elected as follows.

President:—Sir Homi Mehta, Chairman:—Mr. Frank Oliveira, Vice-President:—Sir Byramjee Jeejeebhoy, Sir Jehangir Boman-Behram and Sir Rustom P. Masani, Hon. Secretaries: Lady Masani, Lady Kania, Mrs. G. B. Seerval and Diwan Bahadur Dr. J. S. Nerurkar.

NO MORE HANDLOOM STANDARD CLOTH

MADRAS, March 24: The Handloom Standard Cloth Scheme, which has been in operation for one year, it is stated, has now been given up by the Madras Government.—A. P.

Selections For Today's Races

MEDALLION FANCIED IN MUNSHI CUP

Finalist Likely In Carnarvon Plate

(From Our Racing Correspondent)

The K. M. Munshi Cup, which is for Indian-bred horses from Class III and IV, figures as the day's feature. Eleven horses are due to compete over a mile in this event. Medallion is fancied to score, but strong resistance is feared from Toofan Mail.

The Gwalior-owned Finalist is likely in the Carnarvon Plate.

The following are my selections:—

1st race: Night Hawk 1. Kabadon Jamil 2 Maha 3.

2nd race: Sagir Dahman 1. Khazanchi 2. King Hilal 3.

3rd race: Aziz Fadhil 1. Parachute 2. Princess Hamiyah 3.

4th race: Prince Buland 1. Jeanne Epinard 2. Flower of Lashkar 3.

5th race: Haut Ton 1. Camphor 2. Orange Flower 3.

6th race: Finalist 1. Fortunate Lad 2. Avon Song 3.

7th race: Medallion 1. Toofan Mail 2. Savoyard 3.

8th race: Hectic 1. Rose of Baroda 2. Shakuntala 3.

9th race: Micky Mouse 1. Fadilhat al Garb 2. Ala Honak 3.

DARK FLUKES:—
So What and Comet.

RANJI TROPHY STILL DRAGS ON!

Bengal And Western India States To Meet In Final Next Week-End

By FREE LANCE

The Cricket Championship of India for the Ranji Trophy is still dragging on. The first Inter-Zone Semi-final was played off more than a month ago, in which Bengal defeated Madras by 134 runs. The second semi final was delayed till last week-end because North Zone was unable for some reason or other, to complete its fixtures within the specified time-limit. I think the Board of Control should be more strict in this matter in future. The tournament must be finished by the end of February so that players may not go stale or lose their form and public interest may be maintained to the last. Wherever the final match may be held now, it is not likely to rouse much enthusiasm, which means it will suffer financially.

IS IT SPORTING?

As was expected, the Western India States the Conquerors of Bombay, accounted for Northern India is the second semi-final by the substantial margin of seven wickets and earned the right of meeting Bengal in the final. Isn't it rather surprising that the Chief of Manavadar should prevent Amir Elahi and Gul Mohamed, because they happened to be his employees, to play for Northern India after they had helped the latter to beat Southern Punjab in the North Zone final? If he had any such intention, he should have at least informed the Association concerned in good time, so that they could have made other arrangements. The eleventh hour fiat placed Northern India in such an awkward position that they had no reserve player left to take the field as a substitute in case of an injury to any of their eleven men!

W.I.S.C.A.'S CHANCES

With a considerably weakened side, Northern India went down fighting to the last. It was, however, the dreadfully bad fielding of the home team which helped Northern India to avoid a worse fate. A friend who was present at Rajkot during the match told me that he could not understand how Bombay managed to succumb to W.I.S.C.A.

The final match will commence on April 7. I understand, at the Brabourne Stadium.

As the rival teams will be fairly evenly match, the fight will be an interesting one.

Ranji Trophy Final In Bombay

MADRAS, March 24.—The final of the Ranji Trophy between the Western India States Cricket Association and Bengal Cricket Association will be played at the Brabourne Stadium, Bombay, from April 7 onwards. The match is to be played to a finish of two innings.—A.P.

BOMBAY CITY CO-OPERATIVE CONFERENCE

To-day, the sixth Bombay City Co-operative Conference will be held at 3-30 p.m. in the Sunderbai Hall, under the presidentship of Mr. M. R. Masani. It will continue the next day also, and will deal with the following subjects:

Long-term financing of immovable property, Labour Welfare and Co-operation, Development of Small Industries, on co-operative lines, Place of Women in Co-operation, Consumers' Co-operation, Wholesale Marketing, Co-operative Insurance, and Conversion of Co-operative Organisations into Joint-stock Companies and vice-versa.

Shooting Tragedy In Castle Barracks

BOMBAY, Friday.

The tragic story of how a joke played by a naval rating on a petty officer cost him his life was unfolded before Mr. R. Mathalone, Presidency Magistrate, Esplanade Police Court, to-day, when Edward Cardoza, the naval rating, appeared to answer a charge of murder.

Cardoza, returned from shore patrol to the Castle Barracks on Tuesday, removed his revolver unloaded it of three rounds of ammunition, informing the petty officer that three rounds remained in the revolver.

The petty officer is said to have jokingly remarked to Cardoza whether he could shot him. Cardoza answered that he could pull the trigger three times and nothing would happen, but on the fourth time there would be an explosion.

Cardoza it is alleged then steadied the revolver and pulled the trigger twice. The third pull of the trigger was followed by a loud explosion and a bullet had struck the petty officer. The petty officer is then said to have fallen down in a pool of blood. A few hours later the man was dead.

Arrested yesterday afternoon by the Bombay Police, Cardoza was ordered by the Magistrate to be remanded into Naval custody.

South Indian New Year Day

Saturday the 25th March is the New Year Day for the South Indians and the Maharastrians but no holiday for the banks and offices. I wish the readers of the "Bombay Chronicle" and the "Bombay Sentinel" a happy and prosperous New Year and appeal to Government of Bombay to declare the New Year to be a holiday under the Negotiable Instruments Act at least in the coming year. May the New Year bring many good choices for all!

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A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The mind can make in itself, a heaven of hell, and a hell of heaven.

—John Milton.

The Bombay Chronicle

DEFENCE AND DEADLOCK

Questions of defence have not received adequate and sustained attention in the debate on the Finance Bill. The casual criticisms on the subject were vaguely answered by the War Secretary, Mr. C. M. Trivedi on Thursday. He attempted to refute the remark made by Sir Frederick James that the Indian Navy had been regarded as the Cinderella of the Services but he did not cite any facts and figures to show that the Indian Navy is anything like what it ought to be to meet the needs of the country. He dwelt at greater length on the question of the Indian Air Force, and with regard to the training of pilots for the ten squadrons of the Force, he said that the Air Training Corps instituted in eight universities in India—a ninth for Bombay University had been sanctioned—would train about 1,400 college students each year and the results, he hoped, would be reflected in improved recruitment. The Force will be eleven years old on the 1st of April next but the progress it has made is extremely poor compared with what is needed and possible in India and with what Dominions like Canada have achieved. It is true that just at present there are better training facilities than before. But that is inevitable when the Force is new and a war is on. None can say that the progress in training is adequate to the needs of the country. For nearly four years of the war the Government refused to publish exact figures about the strength of the Indian Navy and the Indian Air Force. Only last month, Sir Feroz Khan Noon, the Defence Member, disclosed these figures at the meeting of the Reconstruction Committee. He said that the strength of the Royal Indian Navy was roughly 20,000 and that of the Indian Air Force approximately 30,000 including non-combatants. Compared with the personnel of the naval and air forces of countries like the U. S. A. and Canada, Australia, not to speak of Britain, recruited during the war, these are miserably poor figures. Even as regards the Indian Army, Sir Feroz Khan said that its strength was approximately one and three quarter millions and not two millions, as is generally supposed.

If it is contended that recruiting is not brisk enough or of the best quality, the reply is that Government cannot disclaim responsibility for this. Their recruiting policy or their Defence policy in general is not what it should be, and a constitutionally irresponsible Government are incapable of enlisting the full co-operation of the people, Mrs. Subbaroyan pertinently asked why, when the war broke out, instead of speeding up the work of the committee which was going into the question of Indianisation of the army, they had put it in the cold storage. She was told there were only 10.5 per cent Indian officers in the Army. If that is a fact it reflects no credit on Government and one cannot but suspect their sincerity in their profession that they are preparing India for self-government after the war.

It may be that under the present political deadlock better progress is difficult. But Government themselves are most responsible for the deadlock, and they make themselves more guilty when they put the blame on communal disunity after doing so many things to aggravate it. Sir Yamin Khan of the Muslim League Party must have been completely disillusioned when he felt constrained to say that "the present Government had by their action and misdeeds brought home to many people that Government were not serious when they asked the parties to join hands and that Government were only exploiting the differences." Government must mend their ways. If now at least they are earnest about a communal settlement, the least they can do at once is to enable the Congress leaders in jail to get into touch with other leaders, particularly those of the Muslim League.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

Meaningless Appeals

After Hungary, it seems to be the turn of Rumania. Marshal Antonescu and his Deputy Prime Minister are reported to have been summoned to Hitler's headquarters where they will no doubt be given a reception similar to that extended to Admiral Horthy of Hungary. There are, however, already several German divisions in Rumania and there is no need for any further dramatic occupation. Antonescu has no other alternative than to bow to the "diktat" of Hitler and he will return neither a sadder nor a wiser man. The fact is that the Balkan satellites are too much under the thumb—or heel—of the Nazis to think of any organised resistance. In spite of a few skirmishes reported from Hungary—they were mainly between Hungarian and Rumanian troops!—that country has been swiftly and completely occupied by the Germans and even a new puppet Government has been established there to give it an air of autonomy! All these moves of Hitler are more strategical than political and they have been obviously necessitated by the imminent Russian threat to the Balkans. One wonders, however, whether this inevitable development was foreseen by the Allies and any preparations made to profit by it. Only vague appeals sent by the B. B. C. to the Rumanian people to resist the Germans and to show "a concerted evidence of desire to help the Allies" will sound only as a mockery of their present helpless condition. The situation in Italy instead of being an inspiration has become a warning to the Balkan people any they are not likely to show any kind of evidence to help the Allies unless the Allies help themselves in a mere convincing manner than they seem to be doing at present.

Tojo's Confession

According to the German Transocean Agency the Japanese Prime Minister told the Diet on Wednesday that "the war situation in East Asia has become extraordinarily acute . . . it is truly grave." He particularly stressed the material superiority of the Americans and gave the warning that the "Japanese Empire is standing on the threshold of a decisive battle." Now this is not the first time during recent months that Tojo has played the role of a prophet and put on the red signal. But such an utterance at a time when the Japanese Propaganda Bureau is playing the "invasion" of India for all it is worth is bound to confuse and even chill the Japanese people. Whom are they to trust—the radio which is blaring into their ears the news of great victories on the Indian border or the Premier who is foreboding a decisive battle on whose outcome their own fate hangs? Incidentally does this mean that Tojo has at last decided to bring his battle fleet, which has so long fought shy of the American navy, into service? That is the only way of stopping the Allied penetration towards the Japanese mainland and after all only a naval engagement is likely to prove decisive in the futures of war for an island power like Japan. Admiral Nimitz would be the happiest person to-day if the Jap navy was really ready for a showdown.

Poor Compromise

The Bombay Municipal Corporation's voting a sum of Rs. 50 lakhs for primary education as against Rs. 54 lakhs demanded by the Schools Committee and Rs. 48 lakhs recommended by the Standing Committee is a poor compromise and does not do justice to the claims of primary education in a city which will soon be under adult franchise. The Schools Committee had to demand Rs. 54 lakhs because the necessary grain allowance alone would cost Rs. 6 lakhs, because the Corporation itself had decided to abolish the make-believe of shift system for infant's class children—each child receiving instruction for only 2 1/2 hours—and because trained teachers were to be paid slightly higher salaries than untrained ones. It was easy for the critics to talk of high cost but none could show where precisely the economy axe could be used without injury to the whole system of education.

Unfair Method

The Municipal Commissioner complacently urged the Schools Committee seriously to reconsider the question of the abolition of the shift system and also the question of adjustment of salaries of teachers. He had no doubt that the expenditure could be reduced considerably if these two questions were properly considered. But the shift system has been tried and found wanting and has been condemned by the Corporation itself. It is hardly fair for the admirers of the plan to evade a straight vote on it and to secure it under compulsion by withholding the supplies. As regards the salaries, the real salaries, measured by their purchasing power, are now lower than they were two years ago. It is cruel to cut them or to withhold the increments found necessary by the Schools Committee. It is a pity that even the Congress Party leader failed to stand by the Schools Committee.

Vikram Celebrations

The Secretaries, Vikrama Celebrations Conference, Marwari Sammelan, writes:

To-day is the New Year's Day according to Hindu Calendar. Just 2,000 years ago there appeared on the Indian horizon the great shining sun Vir Vikramaditya, who by dint of his great valour and prowess freed this holy and glorious land of Mother India from the clutches of the cruel aggressors and established the mighty Hindu Empire. This Great Hindu Emperor was a true embodiment of ancient Hindu culture and civilisation and whatever critics may say, revered and glorious names of Vir Vikramaditya can never be removed from the hearts of millions of Hindus.

To-day, therefore, is the day of the great national event and we earnestly appeal to all the citizens of Bombay, specially Hindus, to celebrate this important day in a befitting manner. Let us all remember and pay our respectful homage to the great hero.

Please join in the Vikrama Celebrations Conference being held in the tastefully decorated and specially erected "Ujjain Nagar" at Madhav Baug, C.P. Tank from 4 p.m. on Saturday the 25th March. Don't miss this golden opportunity. Admission to card holders and wearers of Vikrama flags only. Flags will be sold at the pandal at a nominal price of 4 annas each, from 9 a.m.

Vikram Bi-Millennium (Centenary Celebrations)

Great preparations in connection with the Vikram Mahotsava under the auspices of the Marwadi Sammelan are on foot. So far about 1,000 members of the Reception Committee have been enrolled. A great Pandal representing the Vikram Nagar with many gates, has been erected at Madho-baug. In response to the appeal of the Committee many bazars including East India Cotton Association, Marwadi Chamber of Commerce, Mooljl Jetha, etc. have decided to close their work and they will take part in the celebrations.

With a view to regulate the admission and check the rush of the public, it is decided by the Committee, to allow only those visitors wearing the Vikram flags, available at the gates at a cost of Annas four. Intending visitors, therefore, must secure the flag in advance at the gate in the morning.

The Poets' conference will take place on the 26th and 27th March, at 3 p.m. and 9 p.m. respectively. So far many well-known poets have arrived.

"CASTE MUST GO"

III

Of the two other critics of my letter on this subject, I am sorry I cannot take Mr. M. H. Mehta seriously though I admire his seriousness and respect his sincerity,—especially as he is born with the proverbial silver spoon and yet has nobly risen quite above the depressing level of the brainless cocktail-sodden 'gilded youth' of my none too brainy community. The Bahaism he advocates is already a spent force, except perhaps in that generous importer of oddities and humbugs, America. I take Mr. H. G. Mudgal more seriously in spite of his amusing academical 'communism': for he has unwittingly revealed the real caste Hindu mind when he says frankly: "The orthodox Hindus who have gladly and voluntarily thrown away seventy million Hindus to Islam and over five millions to Christianity, will not be worried if sixty million Harijans become converts to Christianity." Two proverbs, tersely crystallising this 'good riddance of bad rubbish' feeling inherited through countless generations leap to the mind on reading these words: the first in Marathi, "Mahar mela vital gela," the second in Gujarati, "Dhed muo ne abhadchhet tali"—both meaning exactly the same thing,—"If the Mahar (or Dhed) dies, there is one source of pollution the less." And the terrible practical illustration of this hereditary callous caste Hindu attitude is supplied by the fact testified to, not only by Messrs. Rajbhoj and Jadhav ("Bombay Chronicle", 25-2-44), but also by Swami Satyanand, President, Hindu Relief Committee, Calcutta. ("Mahratta", 3-3-44), that "90 per cent of the Hindus who died" in the present Bengal famine, "belonged to scheduled castes."

If I were to pour out such extracts on this painfully important subject accumulated in my notebooks during the last twenty-five years, I could without adding a single word of comment, fill about fifty columns of this paper. I shall cite here only a few important ones pertaining to the last few years in order to illustrate the working of the caste Hindu mind,—the 'Phulchhab' of Ranpur has quite recently (10-3-44) complained bitterly that the "poison of caste has penetrated into each and every vein" of the Hindus. In his interview broadcast to North America from London, Mr. R. Bhole, M.L.A., was asked if his Independent Labour Party "advocated abolition of the caste system." Mr. Bhole cheerfully said: "As a remote ideal, yes; but not as practical politics. The caste system is...in our blood. We do not hope for the end of the caste system at all." And he generously advocated separate locations for the Antyajas under the fine name of 'democratic communities.' ("Times of India", 5-2-'44). The same Mr. Rajabhau Bhole thundered at the Ambedkar birthday celebration less than a year ago: "Only when this Brahmanism and this Vedic religion perish, will India win independence." ('Kal', 16-4-43).

Commenting on my letter, the "Indian Social Reformer" (11-3-44) said that a 'casteless' class was growing among the Hindus, and that the Hindus would 'assimilate' the Antyajas,—not the caste conscious Indian Christians or Muslims. In reply to my criticism—sadly ventilated in publication—on this sanguine hope, the paper again averred (18-3-44) that caste was "already reduced to a faint shadow" and would "disappear sooner among Hindus" than among these caste conscious Muslims and Christians. The same anti-caste paper had castigated Mr. Ambedkar, only a month before making these brave anti-caste prophecies, for condemning caste Hinduism, and had cited the modern Rishis, Birdwood, Meredith Townshend and Patrick Geddes, in defence of the four caste system, and descanted, exactly like Mr. Munshi, on the "inestimable service to society" of this "ancient institution." ('I.S.R.', 12-2-44).

Mr. V. D. Savarkar has become famous for his daring feats of dining in the company of Antyajas. In 1941, he was invited to a Ganapati celebration at Jabhai Building, Lalbaug, Parel. He agreed to do so provided an Antyaja attendant would be allowed to garland him at the celebration. The celebrants agreed, and Mr. Savarkar attended, and was duly garlanded as stipulated. But some Antyaja youths present, inspired by Ganapati perhaps, requested him to tell the Antyaja attendant to garland the deity also. Thereupon, "Mr. Savarkar started.....a lengthy explanation as to why a Harijan could not be permitted to garland the image." The unphilosophical youths persisted in their demand. "On this insistence .....some of the organisers.....attempted to manhandle" these obstinate Harijans, and "the celebrations were hurriedly brought to an end." ("Bombay Sentinel", 15-9-41).

In 1941, that cradle of the 'Harijan Uplift' movement, Ahmedabad, was for months convulsed over the Primary Training College Hostel affair. The authorities had ordered that even the caste Hindu primary teachers living in the hostel must dine in the common dining room seated in a line with (though not touching) the Antyaja and other teachers. The caste Hindu teachers stoutly resisted the order and refused to commit this 'adharma', and all of them numbering about 125 left the hostel rather than 'lose caste' by dining in a line with Antyajas. Their case was strenuously fought by a retired educationist of some standing and irreproachable 'nationalist' credentials. (Gujarati' 14-12-41). The trouble had arisen in 1939 also, and then the champion of caste Hinduism was the 'Bombay Samachar'; in a strong editorial it condemned the authorities for thus meddling with religious susceptibilities and for their disregard of 'public opinion'; and it advised the Sabarmati Vidyapith also to bow to such 'public opinion.' ('Bombay Samachar', 10-7-39).

But these were after all half educated humble primary teachers. At the Bangalore Science Institute, where an exactly similar trouble arose in 1943, the sticklers for caste purity at meals were picked science graduates, the flower of several Indian Universities. They went on strike, fasted, sat 'dharna' in the foundation dug for the proposed common dining hall. They objected not only to a common mess which was originally intended by the Director and which they had agreed to when joining the Institute, but even to dining in the same hall with others although the Director offered to allot them a separate corner of it all to themselves: they would not dine there unless their corner was partitioned off and thus spiritually segregated from the rest. And in this good fight their staunchest champion was the ultra-nationalist 'Hindu' of Madras. It utterly condemned the common dining hall in a strong leading article ('Hindu', 16-3-43).

In my next I shall deal with the work of 'Harijan Uplift' accomplished by and under the auspices of the Congress.

Bombay, March 23. J. E. SANJANA.

Errata in last letter:
Col. 6, l. 14,—for 'writing that seized' read 'writing itch seized'
Col. 6, l. 37,—after 'picking' add 'and lifting.'
Col. 6, l. 25,—after 'undefiled' add 'Even an idealist cannot. But' J. E. S.

CITY BARONET URGES E. P. T. FOR LAND-OWNERS

Commerce Member's Apologia For U K C.C. And I.C.I. During Finance Bill Debate

NEW DELHI, March 24: The Assembly continued the debate on the Finance Bill, which it has been agreed should conclude on Monday next. Most of the party leaders are expected to speak and the Finance Member will wind up on Monday.

Mrs. Sarojini Naidu was present in the distinguished visitors' gallery to-day.

Sir Cowasji Jehangir, who resumed his speech declared that the price control measures were the sheet anchor of Government's remedy against inflation and as such they should impress on the Provincial Governments that the price control measures were important and should be treated seriously.

He thought that the big loans which Government had floated had not checked inflation.

Sir Cowasji emphasised that the 55 million primary and secondary owners of land, who, he thought were causing the inflation more than anyone else, should be approached. Their produce to-day was getting them three to four times its original value. The landowners paid no Income-Tax or E.P.T., and land revenue had not been increased. Industrialists were asked to have money for the future and he asked whether agriculturists should not be compelled to save for expenditure after the war to improve conditions of agriculture.

SIR COWASJI SAYS IT IS ALL BUNKUM

Dr. Banerjee intervened by saying that most of the agriculturists had no food.

Sir Cowasji: It is all bunkum. I would suggest that owners of land should be made compulsorily to lend to Government twice the land revenue.

Referring to the creation of the Dollar Fund Sir Cowasji urged that our dollar requirements after the war should be fully met and it should not be made to depend on the sterling holdings.

Sir Cowasji asked the Finance Member to make a definite statement to how the E.P.T. deposits lying with the Government would be treated. He hoped that no conditions would be imposed at a future date when the time came for repayment.

He warned Government against the proposal for Death Duty. He agreed it was a laudable step for the rebuilding of future India but it would be best to leave such legislation "for the Hindu members of the Ten Thousand Crore Group when they come into power."

LEAGUE AGAINST SUPREME COURT

Mr. Ghulam Bhik Nairang (Muslim League) referred to the propaganda that was being carried on presumably under the auspices of the Government for the establishment of a Supreme Court in India and expressed the fear that the existence of such a court might, later on, be used as an argument to support Lord Linlithgow's discovery of the geographical unity of India. From this point of view, therefore, the idea of a Federal Court might be welcome to those who advocated the cause of Akhand Hindustan. If this was so, the Muslims took strong objection to a Supreme Court. After securing Pakistan the Muslims would decide for themselves as to what judicial system was most suitable.

U. K. C. C. PROFITEERING

Mr. Hussainbhai Laljee, Leader of the Independent Party, said eighty per cent of the population were fighting for a pound of foodgrains to live on. A cup of tea, or coffee and Hookah was all the comfort they got. If Government thought that this was not necessary, would they agree to introduce total prohibition, he asked?

Mr. Hussainbhai contended that for two years, the U.K.C.C. purchased goods in India through their agents and exported them to Africa at huge profits. Tea which was purchased at Rs. 1/8 per lb. was sold by this Corporation at Rs. 11/8 per lb. in Egypt and Palestine. Mr. Laljee suggested that the Commerce Member should have a voice in allocating shipping space for export purposes instead of allowing foreign agents to do it.

Referring to the handing over of the Assam-Bengal Railway to the Americans, Mr. Laljee asked why it was necessary to give 377 meter-gauge locomotives and 11,000 meter-gauge wagons for working this railway? It had been reported that after the war, the Americans would have the right to use the aerodromes which they were now building in India. Had they any sovereign or vested rights over these aerodromes?

Sir Gurunath Bewoor intervening made it clear that no sovereign or vested rights had been claimed or granted.

Mr. L. Laljee hoped that there were no agreements in the matter arrived at in the Teheran Conference of which Sir Gurunath and the Government of India had no knowledge.

Sir Azizul Haque, Industries and Civil Supplies Member, replying to criticisms of his Department gave the emphatic assurance that "even though we are now for the time being on the Treasury bench, we yield to none in the desire that Indian trade and industry should prosper."

He said he had initiated proposals to reconstitute the Export Advisory Council.

He contradicted the statement that 90 per cent of export licences were given to Europeans.

As regards the U.K.C.C.'s activities, he mentioned that full facts had been given by him in answer to questions in the Assembly and an explanatory Communique had been issued, and he was sorry that suspicions still existed. He thought it a tragedy that an Indian should be faced with the charge that he was not true to Indian interests in dealing with these matters. In view of the dissatisfaction, however, he had just invited representatives of some Chambers of Commerce to address the Department and later sit round a table with them to discuss the matter.

On the import of plant and machinery Sir Azizul Haque said that his department had already invited industrialists to inform them of their requirements in the post-war period.

As regards chemicals, licences issued during July-December 1943, covered goods worth Rs. seven crores. From January to date licences issued were for over Rs. four and a half crores.

Referring to the Imperial Chemical Industries in this connection he said that he had not gone fully into the circumstances of the cases mentioned by the members. The I.C.I. were at present relieving the Government from the responsibility of distribution, which, he said. Government proposed to take over afterwards.

Government had tried to find out whether it was possible to constitute an Import Advisory Council. It was extremely difficult because Bombay, Karachi, Madras and Calcutta, each required different types of commodities.

He pointed out that Government were trying to import things which were essential such as printing paper, stationery, razor blades, cutlery and hosiery.

Mr. Yusuf Haroon: and Whisky.

Sir Azizul: Of course I have got to cater to friends like you (laughter). Whisky was not imported by the Commerce Department.

THAT TRAITOR STORY

Concluding Sir Azizul Haque said: "I shall not enter into political controversies. But let me say this. So long as an Indian feels that another Indian is not his brother but a traitor, other people will rule over this country. So long as every man outside a particular party is considered a traitor and not as good citizens, there can be no political solution of the problems that are facing us to-day. Even though we may not ally ourselves for the time being with political parties, the interests of India are as dear to us as to other Indians". (Cheers from the official benches. Opposition benches:—Question).

Mr. S. C. Chatterjee (nominated), said that if the Indian members of the Executive Council, continued to do their utmost for the prosecution of the war and even during the war laid plans for the post-war years they would have established a claim to the moral leadership of the peoples of India.

The House adjourned till Monday.—A. P.

Adjournment On Gold Sales Ruled Out

NEW DELHI, March 24.

The question of gold sales in India was sought to be raised in the Assembly on an adjournment motion tabled by Mr. T. S. Avinashilingam Chettiar to discuss "the connivance of the Government of India in allowing the United Kingdom to sell gold purchases in South Africa for £8/8 at the rate of £14 an ounce in India as brought out by the reply of the Minister of Finance of the South African Union."

The President enquired if this matter had not been discussed in the House before.

Mr. Chettiar argued that it had not been discussed on a specific motion of this kind. It had no doubt been discussed in general terms but he was not certain whether the Finance Member in his reply would answer the points raised in the course of the general debate.

The Finance Member stated that the question was exactly the one which had been under discussion in the House for some time.

The Chair held the motion out of order.—A. P.

CONSUMERS' COUNCIL

NEW DELHI, March 24. The question of constituting a Consumers Council to which all questions affecting consumers might be brought was being considered by the Government of India, said the Industries and Civil Supplies Member Sir Azizul Haque in the Assembly to-day in the course of the debate on the Finance Bill.—A. P.

BHULABHAI IN DELHI

NEW DELHI, March 24: Mr. Bhulabhai Desai arrived in Delhi this evening.—A. P.

FIRST INDIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR AUSTRALIA?

(From Our Correspondent)

(NEW DELHI, March 23.

Sir R. P. Paranjpe, Mr. K. F. Nariman, Pundit Hridayanath Kunzru are being mentioned in lobbies for the appointment to Australia as India's First High Commissioner. The selection is being made presently and the announcement is expected shortly.

Simultaneously the name of the Indians Overseas Department is being changed to Dominion Relationship Department.

GOVT. TO ACQUIRE B. N. RLY.

According to lobbies Government of India has definitely decided to acquire B. N. Railway. Negotiations for its purchase outside contract is believed to have entered the final stage in

The guests included the Parish London.

All-India Women's Conference

The "A. I. W. C." has been holding Annual Sessions since 1927. Patna, Allahabad Mysore Bangalore Coonanada, Lahore, Delhi, Bombay, Lucknow, Calcutta and other towns have been the venues of the Conference.

The War has presented and continues to present many difficulties. Nevertheless, the "A. I. W. C." has not shirked responsibilities first because they happen to be heavy and so due to its declared aims and objects, the Conference fries its level best to keep in line with progressive tendencies and constructive reform. This year women of Bombay are called upon to receive our sisters from all over India. For, it is the proud privilege of our City to be selected as the venue of the Conference. The Session will be held in the first week of April with Shrimati Kamaladevi Chattopadhya as the President-Elect of the Year. Bombay women will, I am sure, rally forth to make the Conference a success.

SURAT DISTRICT BOARD

SURAT, March 24: All the 38 non-Muslim seats in the Surat District Local Board have been secured without opposition by the Congress while Muslim League nominees have been returned to the two Muslim seats.—A. P.

YOU CAN DROP BARLEY FROM YOUR RATIONS

A meeting of the Food Advisory Council was held on Friday, March 24 in the Bombay Government Secretariat, Mr. H. F. Knight, Adviser, presiding.

Reviewing the action taken on the recommendations in its last meeting, the Council was informed that cheese could now be taken in addition to the prescribed number of courses at a meal, and that with effect from April 2 ration-card holders in Bombay City and the Bombay Suburban District, who wished to take wheat only against their bar-wheat ration might do so to the extent of the wheat part of the bar-wheat ration, provided no other cereals were taken in place of the barley not so drawn.

The next meeting of the Council was fixed for Friday, April 14.

Film Producer's Appeal Dismissed

(Before the Hon'ble the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Chagla)

Shantiprasad G. Khandharia, Appellant (Original Plaintiff)

vs.

Miss Brijrani Aratmal, Respondent (Original Defendant).

On 29th November, 1941 the appellant, and the respondent an actress, entered into a partnership for the production of a film styled "Daughter of the Jungle" adopting the name of the "Orient Pictures" the goodwill of which was owned by the plaintiff. The respondent was to act in that picture. The film was completed and the Censors' Certificate obtained. On 27th May 1942, the parties dissolved the partnership in consequence of disputes. By the Deed of Dissolution, the respondent was to get all her partner's interest in the assets in consideration of paying Rs. 7,100 more and it was further provided that "she shall distribute, exhibit or screen the said film with the title of the "Orient Pictures" as the producers of the said picture and shall not on any account change the title of the film only and the producers' name thereof." The respondent delivered to her distributors copies of the film which contained the caption, "producer for Orient Pictures, N. T. Madnani", and trailers which though opening with the words "Orient Pictures" wound up with the caption "it is a Bharat productions picture."

The plaintiff thereupon filed this suit for an injunction and for Rs. 20,000 as damages for breach of contract.

The trial Judge Mr. Justice Blagden dismissed the suit, holding that there was no breach of contract as far as the film was concerned and that the contract did not apply to the trailer or to advertising matter. The plaintiff appealed.

Their lordships dismissed the appeal and confirmed the judgment of the trial court.

Sir Jamshedji Kanga and Mr. M. L. Laud instructed by Messrs. Dabholkar and Jeshtaram appeared for the appellant.

Mr. K. A. Somjee instructed by Messrs. Lakhia & Co., appeared for the respondent.

Four Acquitted In Second Chimur Murder Case

NAGPUR, March 21.

Messrs. Justices Puranik and Digby of the Nagpur High Court delivered judgment in the Chimur Inspector and Constable Murder Case (Second Chimur Case) acquitting the four accused and reducing the death sentences of three accused to transportation of life. The judges differed regarding convictions of eleven accused, in which three were sentenced to death, and their case will now go to the third judge. Convictions of all accused under Sections 395 and 149 were set aside. Appeals of other five accused were disallowed.—United Press.

ITALIAN DIPLOMAT LEAVES DUBLIN

WESTMINSTER, March 24.

Mr. Eden informed the Commons to-day that the first secretary of the Italian Legation in Dublin, Marquis Malaspina left his post last week for England 'en route' for Southern Italy on instructions from the Italian Government "who at the Allies' request are for the sake of economy reducing the staffs of their diplomatic mission abroad."—Reuter.

TÊTE-À-TÊTE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

Replying to remarks made by certain members about the union of the Congress and Muslim League parties in the Assembly, Sir Muhammad Yamin said that the two parties had come so nearer to each other as to demonstrate to the world that they had no confidence in the present Government, That, he said, was one step nearer to the wider unity. Sir Frederick James had suggested it was a novel association, but he asked, did he think before 1940 that Russia and England would join hands? There were certain circumstances which brought together people who were separated. He thought that the actions and misdeeds of Government had brought the Congress and Muslim League together.

—Assembly Report.

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Mr. Amery announced in the Commons that about 689,000 people died in the recent Bengal famine.

Only 689,000, Mr. Amery!

What about those others who, according to you, died of over-eating, Mr. Amery?

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He further said that he was very glad that very much larger figures quoted in some quarters had turned out to be erroneous.

How much more than 689,000 would have satisfied you as a really large figure, Mr. Amery?

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The measures suggested to fight inflation, said Mrs. Subbaroyan in the Assembly, would even bewilder the experts.

Impossible, lady. The experts are never bewildered. They are the ones who bewilder others!

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TO-DAY'S PRIZE HOWLERS (Perpetrated By The Junior Colleague)

(1) Now that the Communists have celebrated Pakistan Day, the Muslim Leaguers will return the compliment by observing May Day.

(2) On the next May Day, Mr. Jinnah will deliver a rousing speech on the proletarian revolution and the achievements of the Soviet Union—as rousing a speech as Sajjad Zahir's speech on Pakistan.

(3) The new-found unity between the Muslim League and the Communist Party will be symbolised by Comrade Jinnah and Qaid-e-Azam Joshi embracing each other on a public platform.

(4) The Best Bet for to-day's racing is, as usual, DON'T.

(5) Racing circles, however, have got it straight from the horse's mouth that Mickey Mouse will hectic-ally ride Night Hawk to victory and get a Medallion for it.

(6) Cassino is a gambling den somewhere in Italy where the Allies are playing poker with the Nazis.

The Two Plans

It was Pandit Jawaharlal, who started the National Planning Committee for the uplift of India. But, its work is held back, since August 1942. Recently, we had the 15,000 crore plan from Messrs. Tata, Birla and Purshottamdas Thakoredas. Now, we have Mr. M. N. Roy's plan for Rs. 10,000 crore. The one is more industrial; the other is more agricultural. Cannot these be coalesced alongwith the one, that Panditji's Committee was formulating? Cannot the work of the National Planning Committee be resumed with a wider personnel? Will not the friends, admirers and co-workers of Panditji reflect and act in that direction? We hope, they will, and that too early.

B. F. BHARUCHA.

NEW DELHI, March 24: It is authoritatively learnt that the Indians Overseas Department, Government of India, will henceforth be Department of Commonwealth Relations. Official orders to this effect are being issued shortly.—A. P.

CUT OUT R AND KEEP

REVISED PRICES OF FOREIGN WINES AND LIQUORS

The prices of foreign wines and liquors fixed under the Hoarding and Profiteering Prevention Ordinance have been revised as follows. The revised prices came into effect from March 1, 1944.

	Bombay Prohibition area—per quart bottle	Per quart bottle elsewhere.
	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
Foreign Gins. Cyprus.	20 12 0	19 12 0
Foreign Gins other brands.	18 12 0	17 12 0
Foreign Brandies Cyprus.	21 0 0	20 0 0
Foreign Brandies other brands	20 0 0	19 0 0
Foreign Wines Cyprus	11 0 0	11 0 0
Foreign Wines other brands.	10 0 0	10 0 0
Foreign Vermouth Cyprus.	11 0 0	11 0 0
Foreign Vermouth (a)	10 0 0 litre	10 0 0 litre.
Other brands. (b)	9 0 0 quart	9 0 0 quart.
Foreign Beers Australian.	2 4 0	2 4 0
Foreign Beers South American.	3 0 0	3 0 0
Foreign Beers American.	3 12 0	3 12 0

	Wholesale trade rate throughout India.	Retail Rate—Bombay prohibition area.	Retail Rate—Remainder of India.
	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
Whisky imported from the United Kingdom	16 0 0 per qrt. bottle.	21 0 0 per qrt. bottle.	19 0 0 per qrt. bottle.
	8 4 0 1 pint bottle.	10 12 0 1 pint bottle.	9 12 0 1 pint bottle.
	4 10 0 half pint bottle.	5 14 0 half pint bottle.	5 6 0 half pint bottle.
Liquor Whiskies		22 0 0 per qrt. bottle.	20 0 0 per qrt. bottle.
Scotch Whisky.	Full Peg. Rs. 3 4 0 (inclusive of soda and service charges). Half Peg. Rs. 1 10 0		

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MAXIMUM SELLING PRICES OF PAPER AS FIXED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY

	Size	Lbs.	Per ream.	Per quire
Cream Laid	13¼ x 16½	9	Rs. 4-14-9	Rs. 0- 4-3
	do.	10	5- 7-6	0- 4-9
	do.	12	6- 9-0	0- 5-9
Cream Laid, Cream Wove, White and Semi-bleached Printing and Buff Printing	In Substances of 18 x 22. 14 lbs. and upwards	16	8-12-0	0- 7-6
		18	9-13-6	0- 8-6
		20	10-15-0	0- 9-6
		22	12- 0-6	0-10-6
		24	13- 2-0	0-11-6
		28	15- 5-0	0-13-3
Badami	In substances of 18 x 22-14 lbs. and upwards.	14	7- 2-3	0- 6-3
		16	8- 2-9	0- 7-0
		18	9- 3-0	0- 8-0
		20	10- 3-3	0- 9-0
		22	11- 3-9	0- 9-9
		24	12- 4-0	0-10-9
Brown Wrapping & Cartridge.	In substances of 18 x 22-14 lbs and upwards.	30	15- 0-0	0-13-0
		40	20- 0-0	1- 1-6
		50	25- 0-0	1- 6-0
White Pulp Board	22 x 28	32	17- 8-0	per gross.
Coloured Pulp Board	22 x 28	32	19- 8-0	per gross.

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"Though not entirely a stranger to this Legislature, I have till lately served India as a soldier. As a soldier, in the positions which I have held during this war, I know better perhaps than anyone what the United Nations owe to India for our success in the struggle against Nazism and Fascism and the barbarous ambitions of Japan. I shall do my best to see that the debt is acknowledged and paid, not only with tributes of words but with practical aid. I will also try to pay my personal debt to the Indian soldier for his gallant and enduring service by doing my best to further the welfare of the Indian peoples of whom the Indian soldier is the fitting representative. Though the soldier stands in the limelight, it is not only to the soldier that the United Nations owe gratitude; the Indian worker also, and many others in India, have made a very great and vital contribution to the war effort".

W A V E L L

Extract from His Excellency the Viceroy's speech to the joint Legislatures on 17th February 1944.

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CITY MARKETS

Bombay, March 24.

SHARES: After yesterday's sharp decline in quotations the local Share Bazar was quietly steady with a restricted turnover. It being week-end there was some evening up of open business and operators were inclined to await fresh war news. Tata Steel Dfd. Shares opened at Rs. 2,105 and after declining to Rs. 2,095 rallied to Rs. 2,112. Ordinary Shares after touching Rs. 412 were quiet at Rs 410, Bombay Dyeing Shares opened at Rs.

ACTIVE SHARES AT A GLANCE

T S Ord (41/8) 412 11 13 10 12 10, T S Dfd (2120) 2110 5 15 7/8 5 12/8 10 2090 2100 20 7/8, Dyeing (2116/4) 2115 20 25 17 22 10 13 22 15, Century (1030) 1016 15 20, Kohinoor (676) 673 75 73 76 77 76, Swadesh (600) 604 600 2 599 603 599, Nagpur (431) 431 28 30 31 30 31 30, Simplex (259) 258 59 57 59 58, New Great (400) 400 1 399, Burma (407/8) 407 13 7-5 Cement (226) 225 26/4 26 26/12 25/8 26.

2,112 and improved to Rs. 2,120. Century Shares were quoted at Rs. 1,020, Kohinoor Mill Shares opened at Rs. 675 and steadied at Rs. 676.

TEXTILE: Ahmed. Advance 512-8, Apollo 4-15, Bharat Mills 80-4 Bom. Dyeing 2115, Ocnt. India 430, Century 1020, Colaba 228, Dawn 1675, Edwd. Sassoon 780, Elphinstone 111, Finlay 341, Gokak 354 Hindustan 4000, Ind. Bleaching 221, Ind. Untd. Ordy. 18-13, Ind. Untd. Defd. 4 2-1/2, Indore Malwa 1175, Khatau 425, Kohinoor 676, Lakshmi XR 1545, Madhowji 27, Minerva 308-12 Model Nagpur 306-4, Morarji 730, Madhusudan 310, Meyer Sassoon 250, Mysore 325, New Great 399, Phoenix 765, Pokar Mills 450, Sassoon Silk 104, Sassoon Spg. 29, Sholapur 8700, Shri Nivas 435, Simplex 258, Svadeshi 599, Swan 376, Tata Mills 74, Vishnu 565, Western India 3650.

INS.: Bom. Life 227-8, Empire Life 820, Oriental 6310, Vulcan 19-12, Ind. Mercantile 86-8, Industr. and Prudent. 43, Jupiter 40-4, New India 94.

HYDRO & ELEC.: Ahmed. Elec. 221-4, Ajmere 14-8, And. Valley 1877-8, Bom. Tram Ordy 145-6, Bom. Suburban 205, Karachi 255, Poona 300, Surat 201-4, Surat New Rs. 50/Pd. Pr. 70, Broach 13-8, Tata Hydro Ord 204-5, Tata Power Ord. 1877-8.

BANK: Baroda Bank xd 139-8, Bank of Inda XDXR 184, Central Bank 94, Imperial Bankk 1932-8, Imperial Bank P. P. 506-4, Habib Bank Xd 86, Union Bank xd 10-2, Reserve Bank 134-8.

PREF. SHARES: 7 per cent And. Valley 1729, 6 per cent Bom. Steamer 340, 7 per cent Bom. Tram 67, 5 per cent Cent. India 732-8, 6-1/2 per cent Jupiter 20-4, 6-1/2 per cent Surat 198, 6-1/4 per cent Prem. Const. 1st 139, 6-1/4 per cent Prem. Const. 2nd 137-8, 6 per cent Tata I. & S. 1st 220, 7-1/2 per cent Tata I. & S. 2nd 159-8, 7 per cent Tata Hydro 172-8, 7-1/2 per cent Tata Power 1785, 7 per cent Vishnu 785.

DEBENTURES: 4 per cent And. Valley 107-12, 4 per cent Tata Power 107-10; 4 per cent Tata Chem 234; 4 per cent Marsland Price 121.

RAILWAY: Ahmed. Prantej 775, Cent. Prov. 103-8, Dhond Baramati 118, Gujerat 98, Hoshiarpur Doab 108, Mandra Bhon 112-4, Mymen. Rebt. 111, Sara Sirajganj 111, Sialkot Narowal 120-12, Sialkot Narowal new 54.

MISC.: Alembic Chem. 390, Alcock Ashdown 620, Asso. Cement 226, Bom. Burma old 405, Bom. Burma new 149-6, Belapur 243, Invest. Trust 76, B. B. Patrols 2 15-3/4, Bom. Steamer 685, Prem. Const. 219-8, Port Canning 109-12, Scindia 35-2, Shivrajpur 68, Tata Chem 31-8, Tata Oil 83-8, Tata Ordy. 410, Tata Defd. 2107-8, Wimco. 328, B I C 6-6, Burma Corp. 3 9-1/2, Ind. Copper 2 11-1/2, Ind. Iron 36-6, Steel Corp. 27-2, New Vict. Ord. 9-11, H. Co. Bank 62, U. Co. Bank 76, Bradbury Pref. 567-8, Bradbury Ord. 422-8, Elphin. Pref. 240, Dharamsey Chem. 76, New City Mill 435, Jaipur Bank 71, New Union 32.

GOVT. SECURITIES: 2-3/4 per cent 1948-52 Loan 99-10, 3-1/2 per cent G. P. Note 98-6, 3 per cent 1946 Def. 1st 101-15, 3 per cent 1949-52 2nd 100-9, 3 per cent 1951-54 3rd 100-1, 3 per cent 1953/55 4th Def. 100-6, AI, 3 per cent 1963-65 Loan 98-4, 3-1/2 per cent 1947-50 Loan 103, 4 per cent 1960-70 Loan 112-8, 4-1/2 per cent 1955-60 Loan 115-14.

CORP. DEBENTURES: 4 per cent B. P. T. 1974 113-8, 4 per cent M. Deb 1974 113-8, 5 per cent M. Deb 1959 121, 6 per cent M. Deb. 1954 130-2, 6 per cent K. P. T. 1956 129-8.

TAX FREE LOANS: 5 per cent 1945/55 Loan 104-12, 4 per cent 1953-63 Mysore 1955 135-8, 5 per cent Mysore

COTTON: The local market was quiet and in view of disturbing war news there was no inclination to buy and it remains how May delivery tenders will be taken up. The market opened at Rs. 442-8 for May delivery and declined to Rs. 439-12 under scattered liquidation. At the decline there appeared some short covering and May option improved to Rs. 441 but again ruled quiet at Rs. 440-8

Later prices sagged to Rs. 439 but sudden outburst in Bullion prices induced heavy short covering and May rose to Rs. 443. Towards the close there was scattered realising and quotations were as under at 6 p.m.

I C C May Rs. 443-4, I C C July Rs. 450, I C C September Rs. 453.

BULLION: Yesterday London Gold was unchanged at £8-8-0. Dollar Sterling Cross Rate was 4.02-1/2 to 4.03-1/2 at London and 4.03 at New York, London Spot and Forward Silver quotations were unchanged at 23-1/2d. and New York Spot Silver was quoted at 44.3/4 cents. The local market was fairly steady with a moderate business. Yesterday Gold sales by the Bank totalled about four lacs tolas and this morning about 50,000 tolas were sold. Forward Gold was quoted at Rs. 71-0-6 and Ready Gold was also quoted at Rs. 71-0-6. Forward Silver opened at Rs. 128-12 and improved to Rs. 129-2 while Ready Silver was quoted at Rs. 132.

Later on the market ruled firm on heavy speculative buying and Forward Silver touched Rs. 131-8. Gold Forward also rose to Rs. 71-9. Today's sales from the Bank were estimated five lakh tolas. Towards the close there was some realising which depressed prices. The market sentiment is influenced by war news and small supplies of Silver are attracting new buyers. Closing quotaitons: Ready Silver Rs. 134-2, Forward Silver Rs. 130-14, Ready Gold Rs. 71-1, Forward Gold Rs. 71-1-6, Sovereigns Rs. 49-3.

COTTON ARRIVALS: Khandesh 5, Central India 810, Barsi 56, Berar 689, Central Provinces 1,627, Dholeras 478, Rajputana 186, Sindh-Punjab 1,123, Broach 2,786, Sondan 35, Egyptian 92, East African 9, total 7,896 bales.

COTTON PARITY: Indian Cotton May Contract is below New York May 395 cent points at Exchange Rate 331.

HIGH AND LOW COTTON PRICES

Bombay March 23.

I C C March highest 445-1/4, lowest 441, closing 444 I C C May highest 443-1/4, lowest 438-1/2 closing 442, I C C July highest 449-3/4, lowest 445-3/4, closing 448-3/4, I C C September highest 452-1/4 lowest 448, closing 451-1/4.

COTTON TENDERS

Bombay, March 24.

I C C March to-day 4,200, total 21,100.

COTTON ROOM RATES

Bombay, March 24.

Broach Extra Spr-fine 465, Sup 460, Fine 455, F Good 450 L S S Pun.-Amc Extra Spr-fine 580, Sup 575, Fine 570, F Good 565, 289 F Pun.-Amed. Extra Spr-fine 630, Sup 625, Fine 620, F Good 615, S G 289, Extra Spr-fine 675, Sup 670, Fine 665, F Good 660, N T Sind-Ameri, Extra Spr-fine 580, Sup 575, Fine 570, F Good 565, Sawgin Sind-Ameri, Extra Spr-fine 620, Sup 615, Fine 610, F Good 605.

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

The Market will remain closed today being the first day of New Vikram Era.

READY COTTON QUOTATIONS

Bombay, March 24.

Khandesh Jarilla old 260/290 new 340/370, Berar Jarilla old 300/310, new 390/410, 289 F Jarilla old 470/510, new 600/620, N T Jarilla old 440/450, new 550/560, 289 S Saw-ginned old 490/540, new 670/688.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, March 23.

May 20.98+04, July 20.47, October 19.99+06, December 19.81+07, January 19.74+07, March 19.64+05, May highest 20.98+04 (2-36 p.m.), lowest 20.90—04 (10 a.m.), Middling Spot 21.93+04.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

New York March 23.

May 21.12+04, July 20.63+04, October 20.01+05, December 19.83+05, January 19.73+05, March 19.66+04, Middling Spot 21.15+05.

NEW YORK COTTON, NOON CALL

New York March 23.

May 20.92, July 20.40, October 19.88.

SUGAR INDUSTRY IN BENGAL

CALCUTTA, March 24: A non-official resolution sponsored by a member of the Ministerialist Party, urging the Government of Bengal to accept all feasible measures to encourage and help the sugar industry both cottage and factory, in the Province was adopted without opposition in the Bengal Legislative Council, today.—A. P.

YARN MARKET

Bombay, March 22.

The Yarn Market remained steady during this week and there was moderate demand in the local market mainly for exports. During the week a press note was issued by the Government placing restrictions on the profit margin of the retailers of yarn. According to this press note the 15 per cent distribution margin on sales of yarn is to be apportioned as follows:—A dealer is not to buy or sell except to a consumer yarn within 100 miles of the manufacturing mill at a price exceeding by more than 3 per cent and beyond 100 miles at a price exceeding by more than 7-1/2 per cent. the ex-mill maximum price over the contract price whichever is less. The Low profit margin of the retailer of yarn has adversely affected the market and buyers have become scarce as they are unable to obtain sufficient profits and consequently the turnover of business is much reduced. A second press note issued by the Textile Commissioner grants an extension of time up to 30th April i.e. for one month more for the opening of bales texmarked December. This extension of time will give some relief to the trade and is expected to have a favourable effect on the market. There is no improvement in the transport facilities for the movement of cloth and yarn to consuming centres and in view of this fact it is felt by the trade that the time limits for the wholesale and retail disposal of goods should be totally removed instead of relief being granted by further extensions of time limits as is being done at present. Demand in the Eastern Centres was poor during this week on account of accumulation of stocks. Markets in Northern India were active and there was good demand and prices were steady. Markets in South India were rather dull and prices were steady and there was some demand. There is good demand for fine count yarns on account of the approach of Summer Season but a shortage of these yarns is being felt. As there are no fresh imports of foreign yarns their stocks are much reduced. There were increased inquiries from the export markets and some amount of business is reported to be done for Iran and Iraq.

3 Per Cent Victory Loan

Subscriptions for an issue of a 3 per cent. Victory Loan redeemable at par on 1st September, 1957, will be received without limit of amount from the 1st April, 1944 until further notice. Subscriptions will be in the form of cash or cheque.

The prices at which the loan will be issued are as follows:—

Price per Rs. 100 Nominal.

Issue price on any date from the—

R. a. p.

1st April, 1944 to the 8th April 1944 ..... 100 2 8

10th April 1944 to the 15th April 1944 ..... 100 3 4

and thereafter at prices increasing by 8 pies per cent. weekly until further notice. This weekly increase approximates to the net interest which accrues on the securities.

Interest—The loan will bear interest at the rate of 3 per cent per annum from the 1st March 1944. Interest will be payable half yearly on the 1st September and the 1st March and will be liable to income-tax and surcharge.

The loan will be issued in the form of—

(i) Stock, the applicants for which will be given Stock Certificates, or

(ii) Promissory Notes.

If no preference is stated by the applicant, the securities will be issued in the form of Promissory Notes.

6. Applications for Loan—Applications for the loan must be for Rs 100 or a multiple of that sum.

7. Applications will be received at the offices of the Reserve Bank of India, Bombay, Calcutta, Cawnpore, Delhi and Madras, at branches of the Imperial Bank of India at other places in India and at all Government Treasuries.

INDORE CIVIL LIBERTIES CONFERENCE

(From A Correspondent.)

INDORE, March 23.

Brisk preparations are afoot in connection with the Civil Liberties Conference of Indore State. Mr. S. A Brelvi, the President of the All-India Editors' Conference and the editor of the "Bombay Chronicle" will preside 22nd and 23rd of April have been fixed for holding the Conference.

It is intended to publish a book-let containing all the anti-civil liberties Acts, Orders and restrictions.

"Penalising Of Newspapers"

MADRAS, March 24.—The Executive Committee of the Tamilnad Journalists' Federation at its meeting held last night Mr. K. P. Visvanath Aiyar presiding, passed a resolution expressing concern at the "growing tendency of the Government to penalise newspapers by demanding security and imposing precensorship and other repressive measures." The meeting expressed the hope that the Government would forthwith revoke such measures and respect the understanding arrived at between the A.I.N.E.C and the Government in regard to disciplinary measures.—A.P.

Heir To Dhrangadhra

(From A Correspondent.)

DHRANGADHRA, March 23.

Her Highness the Maharani of Dhrangadhra gave birth to a son and heir to the Gadi or Dhrangadhra on the evening of March 22. Great rejoicings prevail in the palace and in the whole State.

Five Destitutes Dead

CALCUTTA, March 24.

Five sick destitutes died yesterday in Campbell hospital.

NEW CHIEF OF PRINCES

NEW DELHI, March 24: The election of H. H. the Ruler of Bhopal as Chancellor and of H. H. the Maharaja Jam Saheb of Navanagar as Pro-Chancellor has been formally declared at the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Chamber of Princes —A. P.

MADRAS, March 24: Women's section of the A. R P. will not be disbanded in Madras even after the conclusion of the war, it is announced officially today. They will provide the nucleus for a bigger peace-time organisation of women modelled on the lines of the British Institute of Women, with the main object of training in domestic science first aid and home nursing. The Government are willing to provide necessary funds.

INDIAN DELEGATES TO I. L. O.

NEW DELHI March 24.

For the forthcoming International Labour Conference meeting on April 20 1944 at Philadelphia, U.S.A. the Government of India have nominated the following delegation, says a Press Communique:—

Government representatives:—

Sir Samuel Runganathan High Commissioner for India—Leader. Mr H. C. Prior, Secretary, Labour Department—Delegate; a Member of the High Commissioner's office—Adviser to Government delegates and Secretary to the Indian delegation.

Employers' Representatives:

Mr. J C Mahindra—Delegate; Mr. D. G. Mulherkar—Adviser.

Workers' Representatives:

Mr. Jamnadas Mehta—Delegate; Mr Aftab Ali—Adviser; Mr. R. Bhole—Adviser.

EXHIBITION OF KASHMIR SKETCHES

Mr. Noutiyal a U P Artist is holding an exhibition of his Kashmir sketches in the premises of the Photographic Society of India at 195, Hornby Road Opp. New Book Company The Exhibition will be opened by Mrs. K. M. Munshi, at 6-30 p.m. on Monday, the 27th instant. It will remain open till the 2nd April, the hours being:—4 p.m. to 8 p.m on week-days and 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Entrance is free.

AUCTION SALES

BONAFIDE SALE

AUCTION SALE TO-MORROW SUNDAY, at 10-30 A. M. (S. T.) Property of a European gentleman N. Robertson, Esq., and others at Babulal Mansion, Chowpatty sea face, of complete household and office furniture, Godrej and other fireproof safes, Godrej steel almirah, Remington Standard and portable typewriter, Singer machine, dining table, chairs, sideboard, cabinet show cases, writing tables, dressing tables, Chesterfield sets, almirahs, bed with box mattress, etc. T. N. 40213.

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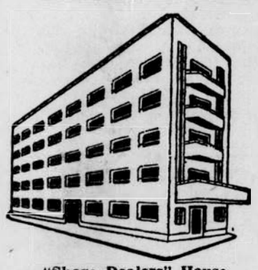
Lebong & Mineral Spring Tea Co., Ltd.	10 0 0	100 0 0 (6% Cumulative)	X	New Issue; good dividend expected on the workings upto 31st December 1943. Estates were purchased from Messrs James Finlay and Co., Ltd. of Great Britain at the cost of Rs. 6,65,000/-; estimated crop 2500 in 1944.
Central Tipperah Tea Co., Ltd.	10 0 0	X	X	5% for 1940, 10% for 1941 and 10% for 1942.
Lohar Valley Tea Co., Ltd.	25 0 0	X	X	6% for 1941 and 6% for 1942.
Land Trust of India Ltd.	10 0 0	X	X	6% for 1941 and 6% for 1942.
Hindusthan Laboratories, Ltd.	25 0 0	X	X	6% for 1941 and 6% for 1942.
Aryan Silk & Cotton Mills Ltd.	50 0 0	X	1 0 0	New Issue; shares still available.



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S. D. H.—No. 4.

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NOTICE

MOVEMENT OF PIECEGOODS, YARN AND COTTON TEXTILES FROM CARNAC BRIDGE.

On and from the 1st April, 1944, no piecegoods, yarn or cotton textiles will be accepted at Carnac Bridge for despatch to Delhi and all stations via Delhi and via Sabarmati, except under the authority of the Textile Commissioner.

2. Consignors desiring to despatch goods to these stations should send their applications to:
THE TEXTILE COMMISSIONER,
Carnac Bunder Section,
Sudama House,
Ballard Estate, Bombay.

The following information is necessary:—

(1) Name and full address of both consignor and consignee.
(2) The number of the licence issued to the consignor under the Bombay Cotton Cloth Dealers' Licensing Order.
(3) Number of bales or packages to be despatched to each section.
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(5) The description of cloth or yarn.
(6) The marks on each bale or package.
(7) Please mention whether the goods are war orders, standard cloth or civil goods.

3. Nothing must be included in the application that is not ready packed and awaiting despatch and which cannot be delivered at 12 hours' notice. Applications can be made between the hours 10.30 a.m. to 12-30 p.m., and 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on any working day as and when the goods are ready.

4. Applications for despatch from Carnac Bridge must be separated from those for despatch from Wadi Bunder.

5. Further applications may be made as and when goods are ready for despatch. (8250)

PUBLIC NOTICE
No. PCO|131

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED from persons who are graduates either in Science or in Agriculture for the post of a Godown Inspector for Poona District. This post carries pay upto a maximum of Rs. 150|- p.m. according to the qualifications, experience of preservation of food-grains.

2. Applications should be addressed to the undersigned BY DESIGNATION and should be received before the 30th of March 1944 stating their full name, age, qualifications and past experience.

F. N. RANA,
for District Magistrate &
Controller of Prices, Poona
Poona, 18th March, 1944. (8240)

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Applications will be received at the Offices of the Reserve Bank of India at Bombay, Calcutta, Cawnpore, Delhi and Madras, at branches of the Imperial Bank of India at other places and at all Government treasuries.

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A number of posts are reserved for MUSLIMS, SCHEDULED CLASSES AND OTHER MINORITY COMMUNITIES.

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CONTROLLER OF INSPECTION,
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BOMBAY-SIND PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION invite applications by *22-4-1944* from British subjects or subjects of Indian States for post of *Director of Industries*, Bombay, on a fixed pay of Rs. 2,500 *plus* conveyance allowance of Rs. 100 per mensem. *Age.*—Ordinarily not more than 45 years on 1-7-1944. *Qualifications*—Good general knowledge, commonsense, tact, ability to appreciate technical features of industries in their bearing on commercial possibilities and to draw conclusions regarding commercial soundness of industrial schemes, power of organisation, familiarity with practical handling of economic questions and local knowledge. Post-graduate degree in Electrical, Mechanical or Chemical Engineering or Industrial Chemistry and additional qualification. Application form supplied on receipt of large addressed envelope with 3½ annas postage stamps and *uncrossed* Indian Postal Order for Re. 1 payable to the "Secretary, Bombay-Sind Public Service Commission", Bombay, who will supply full details on request. 8237

THE SVADESHI MILLS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 14th April to WEDNESDAY, the 3rd May, 1944, both days inclusive.

THE FIFTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the Company will be held at the registered office of the Company, "Bombay House", 24, Bruce Street, Fort, Bombay, on Monday the 24th April, 1944, at 4-30 P.M. (S.T.) when the usual resolutions regarding the adoption of the Directors' Report and the audited Statements of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1943, the declaration of dividends, the election of Directors and the appointment of auditors will be submitted.

The Dividends, if sanctioned, will be payable from Friday the 12th May, 1944.

By order of the Board of Directors,
Tata Sons, Ltd., Managing Agents,
S. D. SAKLATVALA,
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Bombay, 22nd March, 1944. (8241)

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE.

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SULTAN CHINOY,
Chairman of the
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LEGAL NOTICES

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Partnership existing between Mr. R. J. MISTRY & N. E. PAGDIWALLA and doing business in the name of R. J. MISTRY SONS & CO., and N. EDULJI & CO., is DISSOLVED as from 1st January, 1944, by mutual consent Mr. Pagdiwalla having retired. Mr. Mistry will carry on the business as heretofore.

R. J. MISTRY,
N. E. PAGDIWALLA. 4465

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I, S. K. NABAR, Sole Proprietor of Swadeshi Stationery Mart and S. K. Nabar and Co., did on 28th February, 1944, sell to Kale's Sales Association, Mherwan Bldg., Sir Phirozshah Mehta Road, Fort, Bombay, the entire stock in trade and furniture of mine in the above business and I will not any more carry on business in the aforesaid names and will not be responsible for any debts and dues incurred by any one carrying in the said business in the said names after the 29th February, 1944.

We Kale's Sales Association the purchasers abovenamed give notice that we are desirous of carrying on business in the name of Swadeshi Stationery Mart and S. K. Nabar & Co., but not be liable for any debts owing by the said business prior to the 1st March, 1944.

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